

Vacant Posts of SC/ST

1799. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI. Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts reserved for SC/ST lying vacant in the Railways, category-wise for the last six months, and

Group	Recruitment		Promotion	
	SC	ST	SC	ST
A	2	4	—	—
B	Group B posts are generally filled by promotion from			
Group C.				
C.	2353	3993	9038	17050
D	1564	4487	1974	4698
(Excl Safaiwalas)				

(b) the reasons therefor and steps taken to fill up all the vacant posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The shortfall in SC/ST quota in various categories as on 1.1.89 is as under.

(b) (i) The reasons for shortfall are as under:

1. The Recruitment/promotion of SCs/STs is to be made against the vacancies available on the Railways and at a time not more than 50% of the available vacancies can be filled up by SC/ST.
2. In case of promotions, there are a number of interim orders from High Courts/Administrative Tribunals etc. restricting the operation of Roster points in categories where the reservations to 15% of the cadre in case of SCs and 7-1/2% in case of STs has already been reached.
3. Since backlog of reserved posts in calculated against vacancies according to 40 Point Roster, the backlog goes on increasing due to carry forward rules though in many categories the prescribed 15% for

SCs and 7-1/2% for STs has already been achieved.

4. The backlog has also increased due to non-availability of SC/ST candidates/employees with requisite qualifications and experience for filling up the post in some technical and safety categories.
- (ii) However, a Special Recruitment Drive has been launched to clear the shortfall of SC/ST in Recruitment Grades against the available vacancies without the restriction of the 50% limit.

[English]

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1800. SHRI BANWARILAL PUROHIT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: