

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 268
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024**

REASONS FOR DECREASING RECRUITMENT IN RAILWAYS

268 SHRI SUKHDEO BHAGAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the notifications for the post(s) in level-3, level-4, level-5 and level-6 issued by RRB from the years 2014 to 2023, year-wise and post-wise;**
- (b) the total number of candidates recruited for the post in pay level 3, 4, 5 and 6 under direct recruitment from 2014 to 2023, year and post-wise;**
- (c) the total number of employees, retired, resigned or relinquished their posts in pay level 3, 4, 5 & 6 from 2014 to 2023, year and post-wise;**
- (d) the total number of new trains started operating from the year 2014 to 2023, year-wise; and**
- (e) the total number of Rail coaches added in Railways from 2014 to 2023, year and category-wise like General, Sleeper, 3AC, 2AC and 1st AC?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING
AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 268 BY SHRI SUKHDEO BHAGAT TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.07.2024 REGARDING REASONS FOR DECREASING RECRUITMENT IN RAILWAYS

(a) to (c) Occurrence and filling up of vacancies is a continuous process on Indian Railways considering its size, spatial distribution and criticality of operation. Adequate and suitable manpower is provided to cater to the regular operations, changes in technology, mechanisations and innovative practices. The vacancies are filled up primarily by placement of indents by Railways with Recruitment agencies as per operational and technological requirements.

After easing of restrictions imposed on account of COVID 19, two major examinations involving more than 2.37 crore candidates have been conducted successfully.

Computer Based Test (CBT) exam for more than 1.26 crore candidates was conducted in 7 phases from 28.12.2020 to 31.07.2021 in 133 shifts in 68 days across 211 cities and 726 centers.

Similarly, CBT was conducted for more than 1.1 crore candidates in 5 phases from 17.08.2022 to 11.10.2022 in 99 shifts in 33 days across 191 cities and 551 centers.

Based on these exams, 1,30,581 candidates have been recruited in Railways.

The RRB examinations are quite technical in nature entailing large scale mobilization of men and resources and training of manpower. Railway overcame all these challenges and successfully conducted the recruitment

in a transparent manner following all laid down guidelines. No instance of paper leakage or similar malpractice has occurred during the entire process.

Recruitment done in Indian Railways during 2004-2014 vis-à-vis during 2014-2024 is given as under:-

Period	Recruitments
2004-2014	4.11 lakh
2014-2024	5.02 lakh

Further, as system improvement, the Ministry of Railways has introduced a system of publishing annual calendar this year for recruitment to various categories of Group ‘C’ post. Accordingly, four Centralized Notifications (CENs) for 32,603 vacancies have been notified during January to March 2024 for filling up of posts of Assistant Loco Pilots, Technicians, Sub-Inspectors & Constables in Railway Protection Force (RPF).The introduction of annual calendar will benefit the aspirants in the following manner:

- More opportunities for candidates;**
- Opportunities to those becoming eligible every year;**
- Certainty of exams;**
- Faster Recruitment process, Training and Appointments**

(d) & (e): During 2014-2015 to 2023-2024, 1926 new train services have been introduced on the Indian Railways network. During the period 54,809 new coaches have been added.

Indian Railways operate various types of regular time-table trains e.g. suburban short distance passenger trains, long distance/ Mail Express/ Superfast trains with different Composition catering to different segments of passengers. The extant policy regarding composition of Mail/ Express trains provides for 12 (Twelve) General class and sleeper class non-AC coaches in a 22 Coach train.

Of the total number of coaches being presently utilized for running train services, about two third are non-AC and one third are AC variants. To cater to demand of non AC passengers, Indian railways has also planned to manufacture 10,000 General and Sleeper class (Non AC) coaches. Additionally Indian Railway have also started operating Amrit Bharat series which are fully non-AC trains providing high quality services to the passengers.
