

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6637
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VACANT POSTS IN KOTA DIVISION
RAGHUVIR SINGH KAUSHAL

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the news-item regarding `623 vacant Posts in Kota Division` published in `Dainik Bhaskar` Kota edition dated March 1, 2003;
- (b) if so, whether the Government propose to fill up the vacant posts in Kota Division or whether these posts be considered lapsed;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether these posts are causing adverse impact on the safety and functioning of the Railways; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to fill up these vacancies ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b), (c) & (e) Out of 623 vacant posts in different category, 252 posts of Gangmen could not be filled up in view of the proposed introduction of Mobile Maintenance Unit (MMU) concept for faster and speedy track maintenance. Further, action for filling up of 371 balance posts has already been initiated by redeployment of surplus/decategorised staff as well as fresh recruitment through Railway Recruitment Board.

(d) No, Sir. Proper maintenance of infrastructure and satisfactory level of services have been ensured despite the vacancies by keeping absenteeism under control and proper utilisation of surplus staff in the areas where vacancies exist and by introducing Rail-cum-Road Vehicles (RRVs) for track maintenance work.