

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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VACANCIES IN RAILWAY

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether a large number of posts including safety category are lying vacant in the Railways;
- (b) If so, the details thereof and the reasons for not fulfilling these vacancies;
- (c) Whether Railways have started any special drive to fill up these vacancies;
- (d) If so, the details thereof; and
- (e) The steps taken or being taken by the Railways to ensure that safety is not compromised due to shortage of manpower?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

- (a) & (b) Filling up of vacancies is an on-going process and steps are always underway to fill the vacancies as and when they arise. As on 1.4.2006 there were approximately 1,66,569 vacancies of Group `C` and `D` including 86,340 in Safety categories.
- (c) No special drive has been launched for recruitment of staff on Indian Railways.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) No compromise is made on safety of trains. While monitoring the staff strength, safety on trains operations is always emphasized and kept in view so that the desired quality of output is achieved by employing optimum number of staff.