

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1604
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VACANT POSTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of posts of various categories are lying vacant with Railways;
- (b) if so, the vacant position as on date, zone-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is aware of the inordinate delay in clearing the backlog of SC/ST vacancies;
- (d) if so, the reasons for not clearing the backlog; and
- (e) the steps taken to fill up these vacancies at the earliest?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Approximately number of vacant posts in Group 'C' and 'D' on Zonal Railways as on 31.10.04 are:

Zonal Railway	Vacant Posts
Central	12459
Eastern	13405
Northern	13633
North Eastern	4703
Northeast Frontier	10824
Southern	9674
South Central	9457
South Eastern	13733
Western	16177
East Coast	7677
East Central	12114
North Central	4347
North Western	8940
South East Central	7165
South Western	4697
West Central	5613

(c) to (e): In pursuance of Minister of Railways. Budget announcement 2004-2005 and subsequently as per directives received from the Department of Personnel and Training as a part of the Government's Common Minimum Programme, a Special Recruitment Drive has been launched w.e.f. 23.7.2004 to clear the backlog vacancies of Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes in recruitment categories in group 'C' and 'D' existing as on 31.3.2004 so as to clear the same in a time bound manner by the target date of 30.6.2005.

Likewise, a Special Promotion Drive has also been launched w.e.f. 15.10.2004 to wipe out the backlog vacancies of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in all the groups- A, B, C and D - in promotion categories existing as on 1.7.2004 so as to complete the same by 1.4.2005.