

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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VACANT POSTS IN GRADE C
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of Grade 'C' posts are lying vacant in the Railways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which these vacant posts are likely to be filled up?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) There are approximately 127745 posts in Grade 'C' lying vacant as on 29.02.2008 in Railways. Any large organization like the Railway will have vacancies at any point of time. Arising of vacancies is a continuous process on account of normal retirement, voluntary retirements, deaths, promotions etc.

(c) Filling up of vacancies is a continuous process. The direct recruitment quota vacancies are primarily filled up through open market recruitment by Railway Recruitment Boards. Zonal Railways also recruit fresh candidates through compassionate ground, cultural, sports, Scouts quotas etc. As regards promotional quota vacancies, Railways regularly process for filling up higher grade posts through selections, suitability tests etc.