

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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VACANT RESERVED POSTS IN RAILWAYS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of reserved posts for SCs/STs and OBCs vacant as on date;
- (b) the reasons for not filling these posts; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Railways to fill up these vacancies ?

Answer

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

(a): The number of vacant posts on Indian Railways as on date is around 1.7 lacs including 32646 posts reserved for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes.

(b): Filling up the vacancies of reserved as well as unreserved posts is a continuous process. Some vacancies always remain due to non-availability of eligible empanelled candidates in the recruitment and promotional grades.

(c): Indents have been placed to Railway Recruitment Boards to fill up Group 'C' vacancies and Railway Recruitment Cells to fill up Group 'D' vacancies. Wherever eligible candidates to fill up promotional vacancies are not there, the posts are diverted to the recruitment grades and filled up by direct recruitment from open market.