

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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LOCO PILOTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether various Committees on Railways have made recommendations to reduce the work-load on loco pilots;
- (b) if so, the details of action taken thereon;
- (c) the number of posts of loco pilots lying vacant as on date; and
- (d) the steps taken to fill up the vacancies of loco pilots to ease work-load?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b): Various Committees have looked at working conditions of Loco Pilots. There has been no recommendation to reduce the workload in terms of hours of working. However, recommendations to reduce their stress have been made such as improvement of running rooms, subsidized food, better seating, improved cab design etc. All these are under various stages of implementation.

(c) The number of vacant posts as on 01.04.2009 are as under:

Loco Pilots 7190
Assistant Loco Pilots 4300
Motorman 436

(d) Arising and filling up of vacancies is a continuous process. After streamlining of working of Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs), Centralized Employment Notification in respect of approximately 40000 posts has been issued, which includes posts of Assistant Loco Pilots.