

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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RAILWAY DRIVERS LOCO PILOTS

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

- (a) the total number of vacant posts of railway drivers/loco pilots as on date alongwith the details of recruitment made for the said post during the last three years;
- (b) whether due to huge number of vacant posts, the railway drivers/loco pilots are subjected to longer night shift/working hours which also lead to frequent train accidents;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Railways propose to review/amend the relevant rules to make their working conditions better and more rationalised; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) As on 01.04.2012 there were 17,607 (provisional) vacant posts of Loco Pilots/Assistant Loco Pilots (ALPs). Railway Recruitment Boards have provided the following panels of Assistant Loco Pilots (ALPs) in the last 3 years to the Zonal Railways:-

2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
6348	1595	9389

- (b) No, Madam. Duty hours of Loco Pilots are continuously monitored and no consequential train accident in the recent past has been attributed to long working hours of Loco Pilots.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) & (e) Ministry of Railways have constituted a High Power Committee to review the duty hours of Running and other safety related categories.