

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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RAILWAY HOSPITALS  
Singh Shri Rakesh

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

- (a) whether sufficient medical facilities and doctors are not available in the hospitals of Railways in the country particularly under West-Central Railway;
- (b) if so, the details, thereof and the reasons therefor, zone-wise;
- (c) the details of vacant posts of doctors in the hospitals under Railways as on date; and
- (d) the steps taken/ being taken by the Railways in this regard and to improve the medical facilities in the existing hospitals in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): No, Madam. There are sufficient medical facilities and doctors available in the hospitals of Indian Railways including the West Central Railway. A network of 125 well equipped hospitals and 586 Health Units provide necessary health care to Railway beneficiaries.

(c) & (d): There are 2504 sanctioned posts of doctors in Indian Railways. As on date there are 2240 doctors on roll. Vacancies of doctors in Railways are filled up by posting Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) selected doctors. Vacancies are also being filled up by appointing Contract Medical Practitioners including specialists, ensuring continuous availability of doctors. Upgrading of the facilities in the hospitals is an ongoing process and works and equipments are sanctioned to improve the existing infrastructure and add new facilities based on the needs of the Railway beneficiaries.