

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4436
ANSWERED ON:20.02.2014
VACANCIES FOR PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of posts reserved for physically challenged persons lying vacant in the Railways as on date, category and zone-wise;
- (b) the details of recruitment made there-against during the last three years and the current year, category, zone and year-wise;
- (c) the reasons for such a huge number of vacancies under the said reserved category;
- (d) whether there is any court directive to the Railways to fill the said vacancies in a stipulated time-frame; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

- (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4436 BY PROF.(DR.) RANJAN PRASAD YADAV TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.02.2014 REGARDING VACANCIES FOR PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED.

- (a) & (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.
- (c) Exemption in respect of certain posts in safety categories from the purview of reservation for persons with disabilities was being sought for from concerned authority. Pending finalization of the issue, vacancies were being kept unfilled.
- (d) & (e) Yes, Madam. A Special Recruitment Drive was launched by all field units of the Railways to fill up the backlog vacancies against physically handicapped quota. This is also in line with judgement pronounced by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi on 7th March, 2012 in Writ Petition (C) No.23132 of 2005.