

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5490
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SPORTS QUOTA IN RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have framed any policy for appointments/promotions under Sports Quota in Railways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of the said policy;
- (c) the total number of appointments/promotions made under the said quota in Integral Coach Factory (ICF) during the last three years;
- (d) whether there has been any case of denial of promotion at the ICF recently; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5490 BY DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.04.2015 REGARDING SPORTS QUOTA IN RAILWAYS

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Salient features of policy for appointments/promotions in Zonal Railways & Production Units against sports quota are as under:

(i) There are 29 recognized games for recruitment against sports quota. These games are:- Aquatics, Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Ball Badminton, Basketball, Billiards & Snooker, (including 8-Ball & 9-Ball Pool), Body Building, Boxing, Bridge, Chess, Cricket, Cross Country, Cycling, Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Handball, Hockey, Judo, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Powerlifting, Shooting, Table Tennis, Tennis, Volleyball, Weightlifting, Wrestling (Free Style & Greco Roman Only).

(ii) Recruitment is done through Talent Scouting and Open Advertisement.

(iii) For this purpose, annual recruitment quota is allotted to each Zonal Railway and Production Unit for recruitment in Grade Pay Rs. 1800/- to Rs. 4200/-.

(iv) Recruitment in different grade pay is done keeping in view the sports achievement of a sportsperson in different level of championships. Recruitment in Grade Pay Rs. 1800/- is done only through Open Advertisement.

(v) Total annual sports quota for all Zonal Railways and Production Units for recruitment in different Grade Pay is 1220.

(vi) Age limit of recruitment is 18 to 25 years. However, lower and upper age relaxation can be granted to outstanding sportspersons by Railway Board only, for recruitment through talent scouting quota.

(vii) Recruitment in Grade Pay Rs. 1900/- to Rs. 4200/- is done on the basis of the performance of the player in International/National/Inter-University Championships.

(viii) For recruitment in Grade Pay Rs. 1800/-, at least Bronze Medal in Senior State Championship or participation in Junior/Youth/Senior National Championships, is required.

(ix) For recruitment through talent scouting, recognized sports achievements should be in the current and/or immediate previous one financial year; and sportspersons should be an active player and for Open Advertisement the sports achievement should be in the current and/or immediate previous two financial years.

(x) Out of turn promotion to sportspersons are granted on the basis of medal winning performance in Nationals/International sports events.

(xi) There is also a promotion for out of turn promotion for coaches attached with Indian teams for medal winning performance of a team or an individual player in International events.

(c) In Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai; 37 sportspersons are appointed against sports quota during last three years i.e. from 2012-13 to 2014-15 and six sportspersons are granted out-of-turn promotions on sports account, during the same period.

(d) Yes, Madam.

(e) In Integral Coach Factory, Chennai, recently, the request for out of turn promotion to Sh. Abdul Daawood Khan on sports account was received and not considered for granting out of turn promotion as he was not fulfilling the requisite sports norms, as per extant rules.