

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:407

ANSWERED ON:22.12.2014

RAILWAY UNIVERSITY

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

- (a) the details of existing mechanism to source manpower requirement for railway operations;
- (b) whether the Railways propose to set up a Railway University in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the locations identified and the funds earmarked for this purpose, State/Zone-wise;
- (d) whether the Railways propose to have foreign collaboration in this regard and if so, the details thereof and courses along with their duration likely to be offered by the said university; and
- (e) the time by which the Railway University is likely to be established and made functional?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 407 BY SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA AND SHRI P.R.SENTHILNATHAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 22.12.2014 REGARDING RAILWAY UNIVERSITY

(a) Manpower requirement for Railway operations on Indian Railways is met through the following modes:-

(i) Gazetted:- For Group 'A' posts in various departments of Indian Railways, yearly indents are placed by the Ministry of Railways on the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC). These vacancies at the Junior Time Scale (JTS) of Group 'A' are filled through three national level selection tests, namely, Civil Services Examination (CSE), Engineering Services Examination (ESE) and Combined Medical Services Examination (CMSE) conducted by the Union Public Service Commission. Besides, selection of Special Class Railway Apprentices (SCRAs) is also done by the Union Public Service Commission. Candidates, so selected, undergo the Undergraduate Programme at the Indian Railways Institute of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering (IRIMEE), Jamalpur. On successful completion of the Undergraduate programme, these candidates are appointed in the Junior Time Scale of Group 'A' of Indian Railways. In addition, some percentage of the Group 'A' vacancies are also filled up by promotion of Group 'B' officers, in consultation with UPSC.

(ii) Non-Gazetted:-Manpower requirement for non-gazetted posts is sourced through (i) Open market recruitment through Railway Recruitment Cells (Grade Pay: 1800) and Railway Recruitment Boards (Grade Pay: 1900 & above); (ii) Compassionate Ground Appointment; (iii) Scouts & Guides Quota recruitment; (iv) Sports Quota recruitment; (v) Employment to land losers whose land has been acquired for railway projects; (vi) Engagement of Substitutes; (vii) Cultural Quota appointment; and (viii) Contractual engagement.

(b) Yes, Madam.

(c) Location of the University has not been decided as yet. Also, at present, no decision as regards the structure of the University, both academic and administrative, source of funding, policy regarding selection of students etc. has been taken. No funds have been earmarked State/ Zone-wise.

(d) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Ministry of Railways, Government of India and National Railway Administration, Government of People's Republic of China was signed on 17.09.2014 on enhancing Technical Cooperation in Railway Sector with a provision, inter-alia, for cooperation in setting up of Railway University in India.

(e) Setting up of the Railway University would require preparation of a Detailed Project Report, consultation with other Ministries including the Ministry of Human Resource Development, introduction of the bill in Parliament for setting up of the Railway University, allocation of the requisite funds for setting up of the University. Therefore, at present, it is unwise to indicate a definite timeline for establishment of the Railway University and making it functional.