

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2672**  
**ANSWERED ON 11.08.2023**

**VACANCIES IN RAILWAYS**

2672 DR. JOHN BRITTAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total sanctioned strength of posts and vacancies in Railways across the country as on date, category-wise;
- (b) the current strength of all regular staff in Indian Railways including production units, as on date, category wise;
- (c) the number of new employees recruited on regular basis in the past five years in each division, year-wise;
- (d) the number of posts abolished during five years; and
- (e) the number of contractual, temporary and outsourced employees in Indian railways including housekeeping and production units as on date?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2672 BY DR. JOHN BRITTAS ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 11.08.2023 REGARDING VACANCIES IN RAILWAYS**

(a) & (b) : The details of sanctioned strength (SS), On-roll (OR) and vacancies (VAC), category-wise on Indian Railways as on 01.07.2023 is appended as Appendix-I.

(c) : The details of candidates empanelled against various Group 'C' posts excluding Level-1 by 21 Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) during last five years are appended as Appendix-II.

Zone-wise detail of candidates empanelled for Group 'C' posts in Railway Protection Force (RPF) / Railway Protection Special Force (RPSF) in the last five years are appended as Appendix-III.

Zone-wise details of candidates empanelled in Level-1 (erstwhile Group 'D') in last five years are appended as Appendix-IV.

Recruitment to Group 'A' services in Indian Railways is done on all India basis. The details of recruitment made in Group 'A' services on Indian Railways are appended as Appendix-V.

(d) : Rationalization of posts is periodically done based on manpower requirement. Manpower planning requires continuous review of sanctioned strength in view of changing workload conditions, introduction of new technologies, working systems, creation of new assets etc. Work studies are regularly conducted for rationalization of manpower in Railways for various activities. This exercise enables Indian Railways to utilize its human resources in most efficient and productive manner.

(e) : The number of temporarily engaged personnel in Indian Railways in 2023-2024 (upto 30.07.2023) is 7870\*.

\* Provisional

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**APPENDIX-I REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2672 BY DR. JOHN BRITTAS ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 11.08.2023 REGARDING VACANCIES IN RAILWAYS**

The details of sanctioned strength (SS), On-roll (OR) and vacancies (VAC), category-wise on Indian Railways as on 01.07.2023 :

Railway Units	Gazetted			Non-Gazetted		
	Sanctioned	On-roll	Vacancy	Sanctioned	On-roll	Vacancy
Central	1170	1067	103	119372	94091	25281
East Coast	674	580	94	57311	49197	8114
East Central	1044	857	187	92324	79512	12812
Eastern	1170	954	216	128529	98660	29869
Metro	123	86	37	5130	4137	993
North Central	796	661	135	81868	65906	15962
North Eastern	716	637	79	59463	46633	12830
Northeast Frontier	1055	884	171	70064	57699	12365
Northern	1605	1437	168	163147	130679	32468
North Western	855	747	108	59076	49263	9813
South Central	1067	990	77	92828	82490	10338
South East Central	600	517	83	56119	48323	7796
South Eastern	949	777	172	95704	82272	13432
Southern	1173	1052	121	96313	81073	15240
South Western	591	537	54	41618	36775	4843
West Central	668	595	73	63841	52699	11142
Western	1298	1106	192	115324	89727	25597
Banaras Locomotive Works	177	143	34	6001	5475	526
Chittranjan Locomotive Works	222	159	63	12454	8865	3589
Integral Coach Factory	184	164	20	11091	8740	2351
Modern Coach Factory	161	123	38	2742	2197	545
Patiala Locomotive Works	107	91	16	3614	2654	960
Rail Coach Factory	162	138	24	7390	6192	1198
Rail Wheel Factory	101	89	12	2456	2219	237
Rail Wheel Plant	40	29	11	1006	931	75
Other Units	2140	1748	392	18501	15644	2857
Total	18848	16168	2680	1463286	1202053	261233

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**APPENDIX-II REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2672 BY DR. JOHN BRITTAS ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 11.08.2023 REGARDING VACANCIES IN RAILWAYS**

The details of candidates empanelled against various Group ‘C’ posts excluding Level-1 by 21 Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) :

RRB wise empanelment during 2018-2019 to 2023-2024 (upto 30.06.2023)							
S. No.	RRB	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024 (upto 30.06.2023)
1	Ahmedabad	31	1317	45	57	1168	65
2	Ajmer	26	3684	50	51	2897	91
3	Allahabad	333	8570	50	632	3951	1315
4	Bangalore	19	3938	36	63	2639	298
5	Bhopal	56	3194	4	104	1856	229
6	Bhubaneswar	90	2821	2	148	1220	46
7	Bilaspur	75	2709	4	192	1802	101
8	Chandigarh	2	5003	29	197	2339	666
9	Chennai	24	4797	179	12	3287	117
10	Gorakhpur	10	1906	1350	89	1052	100
11	Guwahati	30	1774	2	47	1276	113
12	Jammu	84	1282	10	0	943	140
13	Kolkata	271	6755	30	256	4591	706
14	Malda	34	1867	173	74	1162	407
15	Mumbai	40	6899	37	805	3979	929
16	Muzaffarpur	3	1006	2	7	377	63
17	Patna	106	1396	17	19	1082	146
18	Ranchi	434	4514	0	0	2351	158
19	Secunderabad	20	6180	101	396	4359	519
20	Siliguri	39	957	0	0	648	77
21	Thiruvananthapuram	0	556	2	39	853	68
Grand Total		1727	71125	2123	3188	43832	6354

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Zone-wise detail of candidates empanelled for Group 'C' posts in Railway Protection Force (RPF)/ Railway Protection Special Force (RPSF)

Zonal Railway	Year				
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Central	Nil	620	5	Nil	Nil
Eastern		1181	1		
East Central		437	0		
East Coast		234	5		
Northern		1476	19		
North Central		354	0		
North Eastern		335	13		
Northeast Frontier		374	2		
North Western		239	3		
Southern		788	6		
South Central		873	1		
South Eastern		1480	14		
South East Central		178	7		
South Western		282	7		
Western		566	5		
West Central		64	0		
Railway Protection Special Force (RPSF)		979	5		
Total	0	10460	93	0	0

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**APPENDIX-IV REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2672 BY DR. JOHN BRITTAS ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 11.08.2023 REGARDING VACANCIES IN RAILWAYS**

Zone-wise details of candidates empanelled in Level-1 (erstwhile Group'D') :

Zonal Railways	Year				
	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Central	2	4110	93	182	1705
East Coast	6	1500	7	0	1934
East Central	56	5393	341	79	2932
Eastern	3003	2079	30	38	0
North Central	159	3501	659	237	1676
North Eastern	0	3206	60	0	398
Northeast Frontier	0	2115	347	70	2640
Northern	16	6666	629	170	128
North Western	8	4127	396	117	4594
South Central	0	5674	359	253	7906
South East Central	82	1066	13	68	1404
South Eastern	696	2256	30	23	3613
Southern	243	2871	30	16	7961
South Western	495	2564	0	0	1070
West Central	0	3206	79	130	288
Western	0	5608	254	41	3807
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4766</b>	<b>55942</b>	<b>3327</b>	<b>1424</b>	<b>42056</b>

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**APPENDIX-V REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2672 BY DR. JOHN BRITTAS ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 11.08.2023 REGARDING VACANCIES IN RAILWAYS**

The details of recruitment made in Group 'A' services on Indian Railways :

Recruitment Year	Candidates Recruited/Joined
2018	417
2019	481
2020	190
2021	37
2022	95

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