

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir at Rai Bareilly in Uttar Pardesh. The estimated cost of the Project is Rs. 1685 crore and annual manufacturing capacity is 1000 coaches. The Project will be completed expeditiously.

(c) and (d) M/s Jessop is a privately owned company which is currently engaged in manufacturing EMU coaches and wagons for Indian Railways.

**Annual Direct Recruitment Plan**

822. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Annual Direct Recruitment Plan (ADRP) has been withdrawn;

(b) if so, whether action has been taken to fill up the vacancies in various departments of Railways; and

(c) the existing vacancies in various departments, category-wise and the present status of recruitment to fill the posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension have not extended the validity of Annual Direct Recruitment Plan (ADRP) beyond 31.3.2009.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The vacancies in various departments, (categories-wise) as on 01.04.2009 is as under:

Category	Vacancies
A and B	1549
C	133732
D	44743

Any large organization like the Railway will have vacancies at any point of time. Arising and filling up of vacancies is a continuous process. Vacancies arise due to normal retirement, voluntary retirements, deaths, promotions etc. and vacancies are filled in primarily through UPSC, open market recruitment, promotions and compassionate ground appointments, through Railway Recruitment Boards or by the Zonal Railways themselves.

**Alternate rail route between North and South**

823. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the plan of Railways to develop an alternate rail route between North and South by using the Raipur - Visakhapatnam track;

(b) the details of any such plans to improve the track between Raipur - Visakhapatnam;