

### Recruitment in Railways

†2400. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons recruited in Railways during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the posts against which recruitment have been made;
- (c) the process followed in the recruitment during the last three years; and
- (d) the posts at which persons from Bihar have been recruited in the said recruitment alongwith the number of such persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) State-wise figures are not maintained on the Railways. Recruitment figures for the last three years done in Group 'A', Group 'C' and Group 'D' category posts is as under:—

Year		Recruitment Made
2006	—	35063
2007	—	34542
2008	—	39480

(b) Recruitment has been made against vacancies existing in Group 'A', Group 'C' and Group 'D' category posts on the Railways.

(c) Recruitment to Group 'A' posts is made through various examinations by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), as per the laid down procedure. Recruitment to Group 'C' posts is normally a one stage process, consisting of written examination. While for Group 'D' posts, a two stage recruitment process is adopted, consisting of Physical Efficiency Test (PET), followed by a written examination, of the Physical Efficiency Test (PET) qualified candidates. For Group 'D' recruitment from open market, this process is effective from 12.3.2007. Prior to that, with effect from 18.7.2005, the procedure was a two stage process consisting of written examination, followed by Physical Efficiency Test (PET), of candidates coming out successful in written test.

(d) Information cannot be furnished since State-wise data of recruitment is not maintained on the Railways.

### Shortage of licensed porters

2401. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of licensed porters at almost all the major railway stations in the country, which is causing hardship, particularly to the elderly persons and ladies;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.