

General Managers on the Railways have been delegated the power by the Ministry of Railways to engage substitutes in small numbers in exigencies of service when the post cannot be kept vacant and to avoid the railway services getting adversely affected. The substitutes, so engaged, are subsequently regularized against the regular posts.

Vacancies in regular posts are filled up through open market recruitment as per extant instructions by Railway Recruitment Board's (RRBs) for Group 'C' category and by Railway Recruitment Cells (RRCs) of Zonal Railways for erstwhile Group 'D'.

Selection of physically handicapped persons

3011. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that physically handicapped persons who appeared for the railway interview in East Coast Railway Zone, got selected and called for scrutiny and Medical Board have not given the appointment order till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when they will get the appointment order?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) The process of recruitment on Physically handicapped quota against Employment Notice No.PH/03&04/2005 dated 13.04.2005 of East Coast Railway is now under Vigilance investigation.

World class station at Bhubaneswar

3012. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present progress of implementation of the proposed World Class Station at Bhubaneswar; and

(b) the reasons for lack of progress?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Bhubaneswar Railway Station has been identified for development into world class station

through PPP (Public Private Partnership) mode, by leveraging the land around and the air space above the station. Preliminary activities have been undertaken and no timelines have been decided as yet.

Electrification of railway lines in Tamil Nadu

3013. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any project for electrification of railway lines is pending in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the total number of kilometers (lines) in which electrification has been done for the last three years in the State of Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Following Railway Electrification projects are in progress in the State of Tamil Nadu:

Name of the Project	Year of inclusion in Budget	Route Kilometres in Tamil Nadu (RKM)	Cost (Rs. crores)
Tiruchchirappalli-Madurai (154 RKM)	2007-08	154	125.85
Ernakulam-Trivendrum Incl. Trivendrum-Kanyakumari & Trichur-Guruvayur (429 RKM)	1999-2000/ 2007-08	57	266.54
Madurai-Tuticorin-Nagercoil (262 RKM)	2008-09	262	175.46
Vellore Cantonment - Villupuram (141 RKM)	December 2008	141	97.26

(c) 336 Route Kilometres of rail lines have been electrified during the last three years i.e. from 2007-08 to 2009-10 in the State of Tamil Nadu.