

which they discharge through their Government Railway Police (GRP) and Civil Police. Railways bear 50% cost of expenditure on the Government Railway Police. As such Railway has to depend largely on the State Governments.

Important and major Railway bridges are guarded round the clock by state police personnel in Assam region.

In addition to the above, following security measures have been adopted jointly by Railways, Civil Police and Government Railway Police:

- i) All important mail / express / passenger trains are being escorted by Railway Protection Force and Government Railway Police.
- ii) Vulnerable sections of Railway track are covered by security patrolling by motor trolley as well as on foot by Civil Police, Railway Gang men etc.
- iii) Anti-sabotage checking with the help of sniffer dogs is intensified in important trains at Railway stations, passenger areas etc. by GRP and RPF.
- iv) Access control system has been strengthened at important Railway stations.
- v) Piloting of important passenger trains is done during emergency / crisis etc.
- vi) Joint Control Rooms are activated at Lumding, Guwahati, Rangiya and New Bongaigaon during emergency situation to monitor timely dissemination of information for the safety and security of the Railway tracks and trains etc.
- vii) Integrated Security System at 16 important Railway stations are being implemented.

Temporary filling up of vacant posts

3010. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total vacancies in Railways, zone-wise and whether these posts are actually vacant or the G.M. of these zones under the power delegated to them have already engaged temporary workers to manage the work;

(b) if so, how many workers in Railways have been engaged temporarily by railway GMs, zone-wise and post-wise; and

(c) whether in future these temporary workers would be regularized or posts would be filled up by regular recruitment process?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c)
The actual vacancies on the zonal railways as on 01.04.2009 are given below:

Zones	Vacancies as on 01.04.09
Central	11202
Eastern	12733
East Central	17042
East Coast	9707
Northern	19013
North Central	9045
North Eastern	5693
Northeast Frontier	8875
North Western	7275
Southern	7858
South Central	10469
South Eastern	11561
South East Central	9866
South Western	8549
Western	10831
West Central	8390
TOTAL	168109

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