

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