

- Tight control over expenditure in areas such as contractual payment, overtime allowance, purchase of material etc.;
- Austerity and economy measures in areas such as hospitality, publicity, advertisements, inaugural ceremonies, seminars and workshops, contingent office expenses etc.;
- Implementation of the guidelines on expenditure control and management circulated by the Ministry of Finance on the Railways also; and
- Rigorous monitoring of expenditure with respect to the monthly budget proportions, etc.

Vacant posts in Railways

4149. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of vacant posts, both technical and non-technical, in Railways, post-wise, category-wise and zone-wise; and

(b) the time since when these posts are lying vacant along with the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY): (a) The total number of vacancies of Group 'C' and erstwhile Group 'D' including technical, non-technical in the Zonal Railways, Post-wise, Category-wise, as on 1.4.2012 is as under:—

Railway	Post-wise		Category-wise	
	Non-technical department	Technical department	Safety	Non-safety
1	2	3	4	5
Central	7699	12690	11748	8641
Eastern	4376	18288	13582	9082
East Central	6102	18306	13234	11174
East Coast	3270	8994	8837	3427
Northern	5099	19428	12897	11630

1	2	3	4	5
North Central	4528	10837	7000	8365
North Eastern	2535	7987	5173	5349
Northeast Frontier	4041	8088	5611	6518
North Western	3009	7471	5110	5370
Southern	3069	11090	9593	4566
South Central	4994	12877	13340	4531
South Eastern	5208	11497	11714	4991
South East Central	3001	9229	8640	3590
South Western	2066	7682	4966	4782
Western	4944	10860	9675	6129
West Central	3520	8545	8151	3914
TOTAL:	67461	183869	149271	102059

(b) Vacancies as on 1.4.2012 have occurred due to normal retirements, voluntary retirements, deaths, promotions and on account of creations of posts etc. Filling up of vacancies is a continuous process through various modes of intake. There is always a time lag between occurrences of vacancies and processing the same for filling up, which involves notification of vacancies, holding examinations, finalization of select panels and issue of appointment letter.

Unmanned railway crossings in Karnataka

4150. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of unmanned railway crossings in Karnataka at present;
- (b) the number of accidents occurred at these crossings in the State during the last three years; and
- (c) the steps Government proposes to take to convert these crossings as manned ones within a time-frame?