

Vacancies in South Central Railway

1196. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of vacancies in all services/groups in South Central Railway;

(b) whether Government has conducted examinations and interviews to fill up those vacancies;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when all the vacancies would be filled up, including those of reserved category?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) As on 01.4.2014, the total number of vacancies in all Groups is 13609 under South Central Railway.

(b) to (d) In the Financial year 2013-14 and upto May 2014, panels of 2303 including for reserved category, were provided to South Central Railway. Further new indents for 5797 posts including for reserved category have been placed on the recruitment agencies by South Central Railway. Filling up of vacancies is a continuous process and involves issue of notification of vacancies, holding examinations, finalization of select panels and issue of appointment letter.

Creating Peninsular Railway Zones

1197. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether the Ministry is contemplating creating Peninsular Railway Zones in Kerala and Seemandhra, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): While there is no proposal under consideration of Ministry of Railways for creation of a Railway Zone in Kerala, a Committee of senior officers from Railways has been constituted to examine the issue of a new railway zone in the successor State of Andhra Pradesh, in terms of Item No. 8 of Schedule 13 (Infrastructure) of Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014.