

Permanent posts in Railways

295. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of permanent posts in Railways in each category;
- (b) how many employees have been recruited by Railway Recruitment Board during the last three years;
- (c) the number of contract employees in each category, and the number of existing vacancies;
- (d) whether reservation policy is strictly observed by the Recruitment Board; and
- (e) the number of vacancies existing at present which are reserved for SCs/STs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) As on 01.04.2016, the total sanctioned strength on Indian Railways is 1559955 (Provisional).

(b) The position of total number of candidates empanelled by Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) during the last three years is as under:—

Year	Candidates Empanelled
2013-14	31805
2014-15	15191
2015-16	27995
2016-17 (Upto November 2016)	15188
TOTAL	90179

- (c) Indian Railways' employees are not engaged under the contract system.
- (d) As per Constitutional provision, there is 15%, 7.5% and 27% reservation for SCs, STs and OBCs respectively in recruitment, which is being followed in the Railways.
- (e) The total backlog of reserved vacancies of SCs/STs as on 01.04.2016 is 7374.