

(d) whether the scheme may result in increase of rail fares, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) The investment plan of the Railways for five years 2015-2020 is approximately ₹8.56 lakh crore. The broad components of the investment plan are:

Infrastructure	:	₹5,57,320 crore
Rolling Stock	:	₹1,02,000 crore
Others	:	₹1,96,700 crore
TOTAL	:	₹8,56,020 crore

(b) and (c) The funds shall be distributed over the Indian Railways for expansion of network keeping in view the safety, congestion of terminals etc. on the entire rail network and investment on the infrastructure is not done on the station basis.

(d) It is expected that capacity augmentation would result in optimum utilization of assets, especially the rolling infrastructure and also result in increased efficiency of running staff and others and thus may not result in increase in rail fare.

#### Vacancies under railways

4614. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies, category-wise in the different wings under different divisions of Railways as on date; and

(b) the steps Railways are going to take to fill-up the vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) As on 01.03.2018, Zone-wise and Division-wise, vacancy position is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) Arising and filling up of vacancies is a continuous process in the Railways. The policy of the Government is to fill up the vacancies as per operational requirement.

Two employment notifications have recently been issued to fill up 89,409 vacancies. These include 26,502 vacancies of Assistant Loco Pilots & Technicians and 62,907 vacancies of various Level-1 (erstwhile Group 'D') posts.

**Statement**

*Zone-wise and division-wise vacancy position of non-gazetted staffs as on 01.03.2018 (provisional).*

Zonal Railways	Vacancy in Divisions	Vacancy in Headquarter & Others	Total Vacancy
Central	14856	6923	21779
East Coast	8708	921	9629
East Central	15604	2295	17899
Eastern	17374	2143	19517
Metro	-	850	850
North Central	13473	2828	16301
North Eastern	9212	3626	12838
Northeast Frontier	11574	3643	15217
Northern	23077	7772	30849
North Western	11019	3454	14473
South Central	12136	3418	15554
South East Central	6258	1122	7380
South Eastern	10036	4054	14090
Southern	9134	4575	13709
South Western	4085	1743	5828
West Central	9882	976	10858
Western	13091	5342	18433
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>189519</b>	<b>55685</b>	<b>245204</b>

**Language on smart cards of Kolkata Metro Rail**

4615. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Kolkata Metro Rail commuter's Smart Cards do not have a single word in Bangla;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;