

(d) The timely completion of any Railway project depends on various factors like quick land acquisition by State Government, forest clearance by officials of forest department, shifting of infringing utilities (both underground and over ground), statutory clearances from various authorities, geological and topographical conditions of area, law and order situation in the area of project site, number of working months in a year for particular project site due to climatic conditions, encountering unforeseen conditions like earthquake, flooding, excessive rains, strikes of labour, orders of Hon'ble Courts, situation and conditions of working agencies/contractors etc. and all these factors vary from project to project and site to site. Hence, no confirmed time frame can be fixed for completion of projects.

Vacancies in railways

2199. SHRI RIPUN BORA:

SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:

SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of sanctioned posts are lying vacant in Railways;

(b) if so, the zone-wise/year-wise/department-wise details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor and steps taken to fill such vacancies;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has decided to bring down the strength of Railway employees to half of the present strength; and

(d) if so, zone-wise plan details and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) The Manpower position on Railways (as on 1.04.2019) is as under:

Zonal Railway	Sanctioned Strength	On-roll	Vacancy
1	2	3	4
Central	125753	101421	24332
East Coast	55741	46098	9643

1	2	3	4
East Central	97606	78618	18988
Eastern	130694	107743	22951
Metro	4990	4073	917
North Central	84034	63655	20379
North Eastern	63112	48652	14460
Northeast Frontier	74098	57990	16108
Northern	172680	132440	40240
North Western	62982	45551	17431
South Central	98359	79417	18942
South East Central	55304	45659	9645
South Eastern	99917	82254	17663
Southern	103529	84153	19376
South Western	42604	35516	7088
West Central	65848	53498	12350
Western	117336	93413	23923
Other Railway Units	69540	57749	11791
TOTAL	1524127	1217900	306227

Action for filling vacancies:

Seven (7) Employment Notifications for 2,83,674 vacancies to be filled from open market were issued in 2018 and 2019 out of which three were in 2018 (Group-C: 77,909 & Level 1: 63,202) and four in 2019 (Group-C: 38,794 & Level 1: 1,03,769).

Panels for 82603 posts have been declared so far. For remaining vacancies panels/recruitment is under process. Bulk of the panels will be issued by January 2020 (except 1,03,769 for Level-1 vacancies). For 1,03,769 Level -1 vacancies, notified in 2019, around 1.15 Crores applications have been received.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.