

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 785**  
**ANSWERED ON 22.07.2022**

**ABOLITION OF 72,000 POSTS BY INDIAN RAILWAYS**

785. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU:

Will the Minister of *RAILWAYS* be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Railways has abolished nearly 72,000 posts of Group- C and Group- D categories in the last six years, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that Railway Board gives such orders without talking to the Employees' Unions ?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) No, Sir. Rationalization of posts is periodically done based on manpower requirement. Manpower planning requires continuous review of sanctioned strength in view of changing workload conditions, introduction of new technologies, working systems, creation of new assets etc. Work studies are regularly conducted for rationalization of manpower in Railways for various activities. This exercise enables Indian Railways to utilize its human resources in most efficient and productive manner.

(b) Does not arise.

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