

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 313  
ANSWERED ON 21.07.2023

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN HIMALAYAN RAILWAYS AND  
EASTERN RAILWAYS**

313. SMT. SHANTA CHHETRI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of job opportunities provided by Himalayan Railways and Eastern Railways in the past three years in State of West Bengal; and
- (b) the number of persons employed in the past three years by Himalayan Railways and Eastern Railways, the details thereof ?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) and (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION No.313 BY SMT. SHANTA CHHETRI ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 21.07.2023 REGARDING JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN HIMALAYAN RAILWAYS AND EASTERN RAILWAYS**

(a) and (b) Creation of job opportunities is a continuous process and direct recruitment vacancies are filled by placement of indents by Railways with recruitment agencies as per operational requirements. The number of persons recruited in West Bengal during last three years in Darjeeling Himalayan and Eastern Railway are as follows: -

Railways	Appointments made (Nos.)		
	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Darjeeling Himalayan Railway	15	57	12
Eastern Railway	3511	2273	1957

In addition, it is mentioned that number of railway employees already employed in West Bengal is as follows: -

- (i) Eastern Railway - 92,727 nos.
- (ii) Darjeeling Himalayan Railway - 226 nos.

It is further stated that job and business opportunities are also created by Railways through train running related activities and in the process of execution of various infrastructural projects.

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