

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3300**  
**ANSWERED ON 28.03.2025**

**SCHEDULED CASTES EMPLOYEES IN RAILWAYS**

3300 SHRI CHANDRAKANT DAMODAR HANDORE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total number of Scheduled Castes employees working in Railways;
- (b) whether there has been an increase in Scheduled Caste employees in the last five years, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the total number of Scheduled Castes employees working in Railways in Maharashtra?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): The extant provision of providing 15% reservation for Scheduled Caste category in recruitment is followed in the Railways.

The percentage representation of Scheduled Caste employees in all groups of services, working in Indian Railways for the Year 2023-2024 is 16.80% as compared to 16.48% for the Year 2019-2020.

Recruitment in Railways is done as per extant provision for filling up the vacancies for reserved category candidates including Scheduled Caste category candidates.

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During the last five years (2019-20 to 2023-24) and the current year upto 01.01.2025, against the recruitment of the total 2,95,568 number, 44,523 number (15.06%) of Scheduled Caste candidates were recruited.

Maharashtra is covered by Central Railway, Western Railway, South Central Railway & South East Central Railway. The percentage representation of Scheduled Caste employees in these Railways during the 2023-2024 is 18.77%.

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