

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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**MANUFACTURING OF VANDE BHARAT COACHES IN KAPURTHALA RAIL COACH
FACTORY**

605 SHRI VIKRAMJIT SINGH SAHNEY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Vande Bharat rail coaches manufactured in the Kapurthala rail coach factory in last three years, year-wise, coach-wise;
- (b) the details of the other railway coaches manufactured in the Kapurthala rail coach factory in last three years, year-wise;
- (c) the details of the vacancies in Kapurthala rail coach factory on various positions, grade-wise; and
- (d) the details of the Vande Bharat rail coaches manufactured in other coach manufacturing units of the country in last three years, manufacturing unit-wise, year-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(a) to (d) Rail Coach factory(RCF), Kapurthala has manufactured 5414 coaches over the last three year period.

The year wise production of coaches at RCF during last three financial years is as under:

Production	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
No. of Coaches	1862	1651	1901

On Indian Railways, a total of 640 Vande Bharat coaches have been produced at Integral Coach Factory, Chennai during the last three financial years.

Further, RCF Kapurthala has been given a production program for manufacturing of 320 Vande Bharat coaches.

As regards occurrence and filling up of vacancies, it is a continuous process on Indian Railways considering its size, spatial distribution and criticality of operation. The vacancies are filled up primarily by placement of indents by Railways with Recruitment agencies as per operational and technological requirements.

After easing of restrictions imposed on account of COVID 19, two major examinations involving more than 2.37 crore candidates have been conducted successfully.

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Exam	Candidates	Cities	Centres	Days	Shifts
L2 - L6	1.26 cr	211	726	68	133
L-1	1.1 cr	191	551	33	99

Based on these exams, 1,30,581 candidates have been recruited in railways.

The RRB examinations are quite technical in nature entailing large scale mobilization of men and resources and training of manpower. Railway overcame all these challenges and successfully conducted the recruitment in a transparent manner following all laid down guidelines. No instance of paper leakage or similar malpractice has occurred during the entire process.

Recruitment done in Indian Railways during 2004-2014 vis-à-vis during 2014 – 2024 is given as under.

Period	Recruitments
2004-14	4.11 lakh
2014-24	5.02 lakh

Further, as system improvement, the Ministry of Railways has introduced a system of publishing annual calendar from 2024 for recruitment to various categories of Group ‘C’ posts. The introduction of annual calendar will benefit the aspirants in the following manner:

- More opportunities for candidates;
- Opportunities to those becoming eligible every year;
- Certainty of exams;
- Faster Recruitment process, Training and Appointments

Accordingly, ten Centralized Employment Notifications (CENs) for 92,116 vacancies have been notified during January 2024 to January 2025 for filling up of posts of Assistant Loco Pilots, Technicians, Sub-Inspectors & Constables in Railway Protection Force (RPF), Junior Engineers/Depot Material Superintendents/Chemical & Metallurgical Assistants, Paramedical Categories, Non-Technical Popular Categories (Graduates) & Non-Technical Popular Categories (Under-Graduates) and various posts in level 1. The Computer Based Test has already commenced since Nov, 2024 and is presently under process at different stages of completion.
