

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2055**  
**ANSWERED ON 23.12.2022**

**STRENGTH OF RAILWAY EMPLOYEES**

2055 SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the year-wise details on the strength of railways employees, category-wise and gender-wise, since 2018;
- (b) whether it is a fact that some engineering staff have been hired on contract basis now;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the data on vacancies and hiring in the Railways in the past three years?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2055 BY SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 23.12.2022 REGARDING STRENGTH OF RAILWAY EMPLOYEES.**

(a) : The year-wise details of number of railway employees, category-wise and gender-wise, since 2018, are as under:

**Category-wise details of Railway employees**

As on	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Total
<b>31.03.2018</b>	10206	6412	1133472	120309	1270399
<b>31.03.2019</b>	10025	6731	1075832	135125	1227713
<b>31.03.2020</b>	11300	7196	1235890	*	1254386
<b>31.03.2021</b>	11188	7360	1224175	*	1242723
<b>31.03.2022</b>	10789	7533	1194560	*	1212882

\* Group 'D' posts are merged in Group-C from FY 2019-20 onwards.

**Gender-wise details of Railway employees**

As on	Male	Female	Total
<b>31.03.2018</b>	1183899	86500	1270399
<b>31.03.2019</b>	1135820	91893	1227713
<b>31.03.2020</b>	1155146	99240	1254386
<b>31.03.2021</b>	1144183	98540	1242723
<b>31.03.2022</b>	1114445	98437	1212882

(b) & (c) : Railways being an operational organization where safety is of paramount importance, contractual engagement is resorted to, in exigencies of work, as a stop gap arrangement, till regular incumbents join the post.

(d) : Data on vacancies and empanelment/ recruitment on various posts on Indian Railways in the last three years is as under :

Vacancies as on 01 <sup>st</sup> April	2020	2021	2022
Group C Post	278206	279435	290367
Group A and B	2326	2324	2473

No. of candidates empanelled/ recruited @	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Group C	127067	5450	4612 *
Group A	630	305	07 *

\* provisional

@ Group B posts are filled by promotion only.

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