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Railway Ministry mull outsourcing jobs as thousands of posts vacant

The Railway Ministry is planning to outsource a large number of vacancies emerged from the latest Standing Committee Report on Railways that deliberated on Demands for Grants (2018-19).

"We are recruiting almost 90,000 people. But at the same time, we do not want to fill up all the vacancies. There was a lull for about two years but we have decided to go ahead," Railway officials told the Parliamentary Committee.

Railways have gone ahead with initiating recruitment for Class III and Class IV.

The biggest national transporter that employs about 13 lakh persons is now toying with the idea of outsourcing jobs. The details are under discussion.

"We have a large number of vacancies, some of which we intend to fill. We are looking at what sort of works can be outsourced and what core works we have to do. For core works, we will not allow any shortage. We are going to have recruitment of gang mans, khalasis, technicians, loco drivers, guards and Station Masters. The process is on," Railway Ministry officials informed the Parliamentary Committee.

The 79-page report submitted by the Standing Committee Chairman Sudip Bandyopadhyay points out that there are 1,28,942 vacancies in Railway safety and maintenance category out of 7,64,882 sanctioned strength.

The committee in its recommendations said that the primary reason for piling up such a large number of vacancies could be not holding regular recruitment since long and giving.

It also asked the ministry to take up the matter of filling up the vacancy on top most priority basis as more than a lakh seats vacant only in the safety category.?