

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 586
ANSWERED ON 26.07.2024

FACILITIES FOR RAILWAY PORTERS

586 # SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of railway porters in the country and the number of porters who have been provided basic facilities like uniform and training since 2019;
- (b) whether porters have been provided with family railway pass and insurance scheme;
- (c) whether any kind of help is provided by Railways to the family of the porter after any accident or death, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government has taken any steps to regularize porters and provide them medical facilities?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): At present, approx 18,529 Sahayaks (Coolies/Licensed Porters) are available over Indian Railways. For their training, workshops are organized at railway stations from time to time. They are also provided with uniforms and railway passes. Sahayaks and their family members are provided medical facilities at Railway Hospitals/ Health Units. Sahayaks can enroll under existing Government of India schemes viz Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojna (PMSBY) and Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojna (PMJJBY), and relief to the families in case of accident or death of Sahayaks is governed by the provisions of the said schemes.

Zone-wise data of Sahayak (Coolies) as on 19.07.2024

S. No.	Zone	Total Number of Sahayaks (Porters)
1	Central Railways	960
2	East Coast Railways	937
3	East Central Railways	1756
4	Eastern Railways	1740
5	North Central Railways	1236
6	North Eastern Railways	675
7	North Frontier Railways	807
8	Northern Railways	3908
9	North Western Railways	516
10	South Central Railways	1079
11	South East Central Railways	419
12	South Eastern Railways	547
13	Southern Railways	1163
14	South Western Railways	641
15	Western Central Railways	576
16	Western Railways	1569
	Total	18529