

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.

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

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