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Title: Regarding withdrawal of notification by South Central Railway -
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SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR): Railway Recruitment Cell of South Central Railway has recently issued notification to recruit 4,103 candidates as Apprentices for Lalaguda Workshop, Vijayawada, Kazipet, Guntakal, Maulah Diesel Loco Sheds and for 24 other places in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. The educational requirement for this is 10th Standard with ITI. But, the problem is the notification indicates that candidates from any part of the country can apply for this Apprenticeship.

The convention is that vacancies of Apprenticeship are filled only from candidates within the region. This is how it is happening in every Railway Zone of the country. But, the recent notification inviting candidates from all over the country will jeopardize the prospects of Telugu candidates from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. The concern of Telugu candidates is, if candidates from other States come and join here, then they will take away a large chunk of 14,000 vacancies that the SCR is going to fill up because 20% of regular vacancies are filled with Apprentices. Secondly, of the 70,000 vacancies that the Railways is in the process to fill-in, 7,000 vacancies are from SCR. And, out of these, 1,400 vacancies are filled with Apprentices. So, if candidates from other States join SCR as Apprentices, then Telugu candidates from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana will suffer.

In view of the above, I demand that the notification issued by SCR for recruiting 4,103 Apprentices be withdrawn forthwith and a fresh notification be issued by making candidates eligible only from the SCR region.

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा भारी उद्योग और लोक उद्यम मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अर्जुन राम मेघवाल): माननीय सभापति जी, लिस्ट ऑफ बिजनेस में आइटम नम्बर 24, जो डिस्कशन अंडर रूल 193 है, एग्रीकल्चर डिपार्टमेंट का, मैं अनुरोध करना चाहूँगा कि उसकी चर्चा करीब-करीब हो गई है। माननीय मंत्री जी का रिप्लाई आज हो जाए, हम इसका आपसे अनुरोध करना चाहते हैं।

माननीय सभापति : अगर सभा की सहमति है, तो मैं इसे शुरू करती हूँ।

अनेक माननीय सदस्य : हाँ, महोदया।

माननीय सभापति : श्री अधीर रंजन चौधरी जी।