

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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PRUNING OF MANPOWER
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for pruning manpower in all categories;
- (b) the number of staff since affected in each category by such orders; and
- (c) whether the decisions regarding pruning of manpower was taken at General Managers conference held on June 23, 2001?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) & (b) Railways have been adopting modern technology in various facets of railway working which leads to reduced requirement of manpower in certain activities and need for manpower in newer areas. Critical financial position through which Railways are passing, also make it imperative to contain staff costs. Thus a review of manpower is being done continuously keeping in view the operational requirements. Railways have taken initiatives to rightsize the organization by controlling fresh `intake` in various departments. The reduction in the strength of railway employees is through normal process of superannuation and attrition only. Care is taken to ensure that the existing workforce is not affected adversely.

(c) No General Managers' Conference was held on 23.06.2001.