

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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MINORITY REPRESENTATION IN RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have noticed the recommendation of Sachar Committee that the representation for biggest minority (Muslims) in the country is below 4.5% in Indian Railways; and

(b) if so, the corrective steps taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b) Indian Railways have noted the observations of the Sachar Committee. Railways have taken several measures to safeguard the interest of minorities alongwith Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (SCs & STs), Physically Handicapped, other economically weaker sections of the society and women. One member belonging to Minority Community, apart from SC & ST, is included in recruitment Boards to oversee the interests of candidate belonging to minority communities. Instructions have already been issued to recruitment agencies to publish the Employment Notices in local Urdu Newspapers also. Instructions have been issued for setting the Question Papers in English, Hindi and Urdu alongwith the local language. Examination fee has been waived for the recruitments conducted for Group 'C' and 'D' for the candidates belonging to Minority, SC/ST communities, women and candidates belonging to economically weaker sections of the society. Thus, priority and emphasis are accorded by the Railways to provide more opportunities to minority communities.