

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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ZONAL RAILWAY OFFICES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have issued directions for setting up of Minority Cells in all Zonal Railway offices and in the Railway Board for promoting minorities' welfare and ensuring their adequate representation in railway services;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether all the Zonal Offices and the Railway Board have implemented the said directions;
- (d) whether it has been made mandatory to have one member from the minority community in all the recruitment boards and committees of the Railways; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Welfare and interest of minorities is taken care of by Identified staff. The Executive Director Estt.(Res.), a Joint Secretary grade officer in Railway Board, has been assigned the work of co-ordination and monitoring the Minority affairs. The issues of minority affairs are, thus, being dealt with satisfactorily.

(d) & (e): For recruitment to 10 or more group 'C' or 'D' posts, one member belonging to Minority Community is also included in the recruitment process.