

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1166  
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LOCO PILOT IN SR  
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways are aware that the retired Loco Pilots have been recruited on a two-years contract basis in Southern Railway (SR), Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Railways are aware that many eligible candidates are deprived of such an opportunity for employment in Southern Railway, Kerala; and
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Railways in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): In Southern Railway, no retired Loco Pilots have joined so far. The scheme of re-engagement of retired Loco Pilots has been introduced as a stop-gap arrangement to overcome the exigency of work. Such arrangements are terminated once regularly selected candidates are available.