

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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RECRUITMENT POLICY
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any review of railways recruitment policy and functioning of Railway Recruitment Boards has been conducted as announced in Rail Budget 2009-10;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (c) the deficiencies identified during the said review; and
- (d) the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. Functioning of Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) has been reviewed in October 2009 and instructions for streamlining the working of Railway Recruitment Boards have already been issued in order to make the system of recruitment more transparent and fair. Under the new methodology, examination for the particular post will be held on the same date simultaneously by all the Railway Recruitment Boards and in addition to Hindi, Urdu and English, the question papers shall be set in local languages listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India falling within the jurisdiction of that Railway Recruitment Board. Fee for railway recruitment examinations has also been waived for women candidates, minorities candidates and candidates belonging to economically backward classes having annual family income of less than Rs. 50,000/-.