

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken a note that there is a shortage of technical experts in areas such as modernising of signalling and the filling up of safety related vacant posts in Railways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to formulate any action plan to upgrade the safety networks in the Railways;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

- (a): No, Madam. There is no shortage of technical experts in key areas. Regular indents to fill up safety related posts have been given to Recruitment agencies, to provide panels, from time to time.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c) to (e): Safety is accorded the highest priority by Indian Railways and all possible steps are undertaken on a continuing basis including preparing Corporate Safety Plans, to enhance safety. These include timely replacement of over-aged assets, adoption of suitable technologies for upgradation and maintenance of track, rolling stock, signaling and interlocking systems.