

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5296  
ANSWERED ON:27.04.2015  
TELEPHONE ATTENDANTS IN RAILWAYS  
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh;Owaisi Shri Asaduddin;Reddy Shri Ch. Malla

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

- (a) whether the Railways are still appointing Telephone Attendants cum Dak Khalasis (TA/DK) or Bungalow Peons despite the recommendations made by the Sixth Pay Commission for abolishing the said posts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the complaints of exploitation of TA/DK at the houses of some officials of Railways have been reported; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by the Railways in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Telephone Attendant cum Dak Khalasis (TA/DK) or Bungalow Peons are being engaged as per needs and approval of competent authority.
- (c) & (d): Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.