

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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SKILLED MANPOWER IN RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is huge shortage of skilled and trained manpower especially in core functions in Railways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Railways to upgrade the skilled manpower to meet the shortage in Railways?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): No, Madam. All core functions within Railways, which are primarily safety related, have provision of lateral entry in higher grades with higher educational qualification. Initial Training, which range from some days to about 1 year, is imparted to the staff depending on the criticality and complexity of the job. In addition, tie-ups have been established with either Original Equipment Manufacturers or Advanced Training institutions outside the Railways, for specialized training.