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Title: Need to provide employment opportunities to apprentices who completed apprentice course along with shop training in Chittaranjan Locomotive Workshop, West Bengal.

SHRI BIKASH CHOWDHURY (ASANSOL): I would like to draw the attention of the house as well as the hon. Minister of Railways in the matter of employment of the apprentices who completed apprentice course along with shop training in Chittaranjan Locomotive Workshop. These apprentices have also passed the All India Trade test. Prior to this, the Chittaranjan Locomotive Workshop used to absorb these skilled apprentices, but for the last three-four years, the Management has not yet provided them with the employment in Chittaranjan Locomotive Works or elsewhere in the Railways. About 350 apprentices are waiting for appointment. On the other hand, the Management recently recruited 400 unskilled persons in C.L.W. without providing these skilled and trained apprentices with the jobs.

Therefore, I urge upon the hon. Railway Minister to engage the above apprentices in jobs without delay as they have been waiting for four long years.