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Title : Need to address the grievances of running staff including guards' working in Railways.

SHRI HARIBHAU RATHOD (YAVATMAL): Sir, there is a great resentment amongst the Running Staff of Railway in general and Guards in particular against recommendation of RAC 2002. The RAC has drastically curtailed the pay element for retirement benefit from 55 per cent to 20 per cent and this pay element is further reduced from 30 per cent to 10 per cent for other benefits. It has recommended to reduce the rate of running allowance from 83.40 per hundred kms. To 75.50 per hundred kms, which will badly hamper the over all benefits of Running Allowance to the Running Staff. This has caused great discontentment amongst Running Staff and they are compelled to go on agitation.

This time, both the recognised Federations are also supporting the All India Guards Council for their legitimate right. To avoid further complications and to maintain the cordial relation with Running Staff, intervention of the Railway ministry in this matter is earnestly requested.