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Title: The Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways made a statement correcting answer given to Starred Question No. 603 Dated 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2007 by Smt. Karuna Shukla, M.P. regarding Exodus of Employees from Railways and giving reasons for delay in correcting the answer.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): Sir, in reply to Starred Question No. 603 answered on 17.5.2007 and supplementary questions asked by Shrimati Karuna Shukla. MP on 17.5.2007 in connection with Starred Question No. 603, it has been informed that 422 employees have resigned from service and 3645 employees have taken voluntary retirement during last year. On account of some misinterpretation, some of the Zonal Railways could not furnish the correct number of employees who resigned or quit Railway by taking voluntary retirement for the purpose of joining private sector or otherwise. The revised information is as under:

No. of employees who resigned from service - 437

No. of employees who retired voluntarily -4881

MR. SPEAKER: Well, it is quite a mistake.

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