

>

Title: Need to accord separate status to All India Railway Engineers Federation to represent their grievances.

SHRI BIBHU PRASAD TARAI (JAGATSINGHPUR): All India Railway Engineers Federation (AIREF) representing around one lakh Junior Engineers and Senior Section Engineers of Indian Railways has been working for safe movement of millions of passengers daily. The AIREF, keeping in view the nature of duties, responsibilities, pay scales, service status, promotion prospectus, etc. of its engineers, has been demanding since long for recognition in order to represent their problems appropriately. In this regard, the Railway Safety Review Committees (Khanna, Wanchoo committees, etc.) have recommended separate platform. As the Engineers are coming under the supervisory category, they should not be clubbed with the labour unions of Railways, similar to Defence Ministry, CPWD, etc. Hence, I would like to urge upon the Government to look in to the matter and accord the status of separate Federation for Railways Engineers like RPF, Group-C & Group-D Associations of Railway Board.