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Title: Need to regularize the services of trained apprentices in Integral Coach Factory Perambur, Tamil Nadu.

SHRI P. LINGAM (TENKASI): Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Perambur, Chennai was established in 1955 to meet the demands of the Railways and started manufacturing passenger coaches. Apart from meeting the country's requirements, this factory has also been exporting rail coaches. There are about two thousand trainee apprentices in various sections of this factory. Hoping that they would be recruited after the training period, these younger men have been patiently waiting for the past several years. But the management has not been absorbing them and the hopes of those trained youth are dashed. Gradual absorption in various sections must take place as and when required. ICF must also follow the practice adopted by Southern Railways in absorption of trainees.

Hence, I urge upon the Hon'ble Railway Minister to regularize the services of such apprentices in the interest of the organisation which can have skilled labour trained at its own hands.