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Title: Need to give proper training to Assistant Railway Drivers appointed in Guntakal Division of South Central Railway-Laid.

SHRI ANANTHA VENKATARAMI REDDY (ANANTAPUR): In the Guntakal Division of South Central Railway recently some 250 Assistant Engine Drivers were appointed but they are being deputed on duty without fully completing their LRN training. In the name of economy, the Railway authorities are deputing these Assistant Drivers on duty in Gooty, Guntakal, Kadapa, Renigunta, Pakala and Raichur stations which is causing a lot of tension as these people have not completely undergone the training. They should be given complete training along with Senior Pilots (Drivers) and Senior Assistant Pilots (Drivers) who are aware of the signals, level-crossings, cross-points, etc. They should be first directed to undergo complete training.

I am given to understand that many of these Assistant Drivers are not having proper understanding of the railway routes in this division. The result is that the Senior Pilots themselves have to do these duties with utmost care and attention. The lack of complete training to these newly recruited Assistant Drivers is causing a lot of difficulties and obstructing the smooth running of trains and creating problems regarding passenger safety. There have been press reports also about the operation of trains by these Assistant Drivers who are not fully and completely trained and there is a public outcry about the safety of the passengers.

I would urge upon the Hon'ble Minister of Railways to kindly take immediate steps to give complete training to these newly recruited Assistant Drivers in Guntakal Division, South Central Railway and depute them only on successful completion of the training keeping in view the safety of the passengers.