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Title:Need to absorb the vacancies by appointing skilled apprentices in Railway services in the country.

SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE (RAVER): Thank you, Madam. There are many students taking and selecting technical skill development courses under the various trade courses at ITIs across the country. It is learnt that there are many course-completed trade apprentices who have qualified the examination conducted by the Railway Board in different zones of the Railways especially in Western and Central Railways. In Western Railway, a total of 140 passed candidates from Batch No. 18, including 42 apprentices of PL workshop, are yet to be engaged for regular appointment. This matter has been pending since long. In Central Railway also, batches from the year 2013 onwards are yet to be engaged in the Railways for regular appointments. It is also learnt that from one batch in the Central Railway, the candidates had qualified the examinations and were eligible for the regular appointments and they had also undergone medical tests but they are still waiting for engagement. In the Railways, there are plenty of vacancies for skilled technicians, and they can very well be absorbed. Through the hon. House, I request the hon. Minister to instruct and find out such pending cases and immediately absorb these skilled apprentices in the Railway services. Thank you.

HON. SPEAKER:

Shri P.P. Chaudhary and

Kumari Shobha Karandlaje are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shrimati Rakshatai Khadse.