

(e) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) to (e) The work of construction of conference hall of Indian Railway Promotee Officers' Federation office has been completed and is in use since January 2016. Representation was received by Engineering Department of Northern Railway. Regarding investigation into irregularities in construction, the departmental investigation was done, but no irregularities were found.

However, Vigilance Department did not receive any complaint/representation regarding irregularities in the work.

Employment to disabled persons

2387. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the scheme prepared by Railways for providing employment to the handicapped and blind persons on priority basis in the Railways in the last three years; and

(b) the employment given to the disabled persons in the last three years, Division-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Three percent of the vacancies in case of direct recruitment from open market for filling up non-gazetted posts have been reserved for providing employment to the Person with Disabilities. Of this, one percent each have been reserved for persons suffering from (i) blindness or low vision (ii) hearing impairment and (iii) locomotor disability or cerebral palsy in the posts identified for each disability. Whenever a short fall is seen in this direction, a special Recruitment Drive (SRD) is launched. Last SRD was conducted in the year 2016.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Pending railway projects in Bihar

†2388. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is gearing up for early completion of the ongoing railway projects in the country, if so, the details thereof;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.