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title: Need to grant Group B non-gazetted status to Junior Engineer and Group B gazetted status to Senior Section Engineer in Railways.

SHRI NAGENDRA KUMAR PRADHAN (SAMBALPUR): About 80,000 diploma and degree working as Junior Engineer and Senior Section Engineer in Indian Railways under the banner of All India Railway Engineers Federation (AIREF) shoulder safe movement of 23 million passengers daily. But Railway has deprived them of natural justice not taking into account their nature of duties, responsibilities and qualifications. Railway has also ignored the recommendations of several MPs in favour of them. It is unfortunate that the engineers shouldering safety are struggling for justice. Their counterpart engineers have been given Group B status in all other departments of the Central Government. Frustration among engineers may put safety of railway in danger.

I would like to urge upon the Government to give similar status at par with their counterparts by according Group B non-gazetted status to Junior Engineers and Group B gazetted status to Senior Section Engineer to strengthen the safety and economy of railway.