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Title: Need to recruit Course Completed Act Apprentices as per their merit granted by National Council of Vocational Training.

SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE (RAVER): The Railway Board has constituted a Committee to formulate the policy for recruitment of Course Completed Act Apprentices (CCAA) in Railways. The Committee has recently forwarded its recommendations and accordingly, the Railway Board has decided to provide 20 per cent reservations for these candidates in all the recruitment drives in the respective discipline and Zones of Railways in the open market in Pay Band 1.

These candidates have completed the course in accordance with the Apprentice Act; trained in various establishments of Railways; appeared for the examinations granted by the National Council of Vocational Training (NCVT); and possesses National Apprenticeship Certificate.

Whenever there is a recruitment drive in the said Pay Band of Railways from open market, these candidates have to appear for the examination again and get qualified to be engaged under the preference reservation of 20 per cent. As many such issues of apprenticeship has been handled prior to this notification, there is a need to go for direct recruitment of all the willing candidates who have completed the said Course with the discretion of the General Manager of the respective Zones of Railways.

माननीय अध्यक्ष : क्या सजेशन है, यह बताइए।

SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE: I would take only a couple of minutes more, Madam.

It is a fact that in the Western Railways there are many such Course Completed Apprentices waiting for engagement from batches passed out in the year 2010 onwards.

As these candidates have already cleared and passed out the course and trained in Railways own establishments, it is needless to ask them to appear for the examinations for their own reserved and preference quota of recruitment 20 per cent.

माननीय अध्यक्ष : ठीक है, आपकी बात छो गयी।

मैं पढ़ना एलाऊ करने वाली नहीं हूँ। जीरो ऑवर का अर्थ होता है कि जो आपकी मेन समस्या है, उसे उठाना है। लम्बा-चौड़ा भाषण नहीं पढ़ना है। अब सभी को साल-दो साल छो गए हैं।

SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE: Through you, Madam, I would like to request the hon. Minister to recruit these candidates as per their merit granted by the NCVT for the National Apprentice Certificate. I would also request the hon. Minister to increase the preference reservation to 40 per cent instead of 20 per cent so that many of the Apprentices, who complete the course, will be engaged in the Railway Service before they cross the age fixed for recruitment. Also on the same grounds, 40 per cent preferential reservation may be provided for the Ordnance Factory.

HON. SPEAKER:

Shri Sharad Tripathi and

Kunwar Pushpendra Singh Chandel are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shrimati Rakshatai Khadse.