

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1393  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.12.2017**

**MAINTENANCE OF TRACKS**

**1393. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether it is a fact that the trackmen who have been recruited in the recent past are highly qualified and they do not want to do this job as it involves manual labour like patrolling tracks day and night in all weather conditions, look for faults in tracks and rectify them with tools and if so, the details thereof:**

**(b) whether this is one of the factors for poor maintenance of tracks resulting in accidents in the recent past; and**

**(c) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken by the Railways in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

**(a) Some of the Track Maintainers recruited in the recent past on Indian Railways possess higher qualification than minimum prescribed for the post. Some of these highly qualified Track Maintainers show reluctance to perform manual works required to be carried out by them. However, the number of such Track Maintainers cannot be assessed.**

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**(b) & (c) No, Madam. However, Ministry of Railways has revised the minimum qualifications required for recruitment as Track Maintainer to deal with the matter.**

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