GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4103 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2020

RESERVATION FOR DIVYAANGS

4103. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been discrepancy in the reservation for 'Divyaangs' in the Group D centralised recruitment by RRBs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for recent protests by Divyaangs in Delhi against RRB; and
- (d) the steps that have been taken to assuage their concerns?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4103 BY DR. SANJAY JAISWAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 18.03.2020 REGARDING RESERVATION FOR DIVYAANGS

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The reasons behind protests were mainly issues specific to Centralized Employment Notice (CEN) No. 02/2018 recruitment exercise conducted by the Ministry of Railways. Protestors' demands were regarding computation of Disabled Category vacancies, alleged irregularities/discrimination against some specific candidates, policy of Disabled category reservation as it presently exists. Protestors also raised the issue that many Orthopedically handicapped candidates having Multiple Disability did not apply as a Multiple Disability candidate, and therefore demanded that such candidates should be given an opportunity to be adjusted against Multiple Disability vacancies.
- (d) Point-wise discussion took place and appropriate clarifications were given to the protestors. It was clarified to the protestors that vacancy computation has been done as per Hon'ble High Court, Delhi orders in WP NO. 1855/2018. This computation of vacancies has again been challenged by an organization called National Platform for the Rights of Disabled (NPRD) before Hon'ble High Court Delhi in WP NO. 5208/2019. Matter is subjudice. List of 184 candidates submitted by protestors contending that these candidates had been left out despite qualifying written examination, was examined and it was found that

none had qualified. A reply to protestors was given accordingly. A special dispensation has also been provided to those eligible candidates who despite having Multiple Disability had inadvertently applied as a candidate under single Disability category.
