GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 937 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.03.2016

REVIEW OF NEW PENSION SCHEME

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether All India Railwaymen's Federation has raised various demands, including review of new pension scheme and filling up of large number of vacant posts in railways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is true that the said Federation has also threatened to go on strike for the implementation of the said demands; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Railways in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. All India Railwaymen's Federation, a recognized Railway Staff Federation has raised various demands, including the items mentioned in the question.
 - (c): All India Railwaymen's Federation has not given any notice so far, for going on strike. However, they have informed that Strike Notice may be

served on 11th March, 2016 for 'Indefinite Strike' from 11th April, 2016 in case there is no negotiated settlement on their Charter of Demands by that time.

(d): On the Railways, there is a well established system of Permanent Negotiating Machinery (PNM) and Departmental Council under the Joint Consultative Machinery (JCM) with the recognized Unions/ Federations. Regular dialogue with the organized labour is maintained through these fora to sort out staff grievances. The Permanent Negotiating Machinery functions at three tiers - Divisional level, Zonal Headquarter level and Apex level at Railway Board. Departmental Council under JCM functions at the Apex level at Railway Board. Further, recognized Unions/ Federations are also members of the Group on Participation of Railway Employees in Management (PREM).
