

Staff

56. Madam, our employees are our biggest asset and it is they who keep the wheel of progress moving. Some of the measures I propose to take for their welfare are:-

i. Expand the scope of **Liberalized Active Retirement Scheme for Guaranteed Employment for safety category** staff by enhancing the existing criteria of grade pay from `1,800/- to `1,900/-.

ii. Considering the Indian family structure and values, **extending medical facilities to both dependent father and mother** of railway employees.

iii. **Increasing the scholarship for the girl child** of gangmen and group 'D' employees to `1,200 per month for higher education.

iv. Setting up of a **Railway Vidyalaya Prabandhan Board (RVPB)** to improve quality of education to children studying in 269 railway schools. The Board will draw up a plan for improving the physical and educational infrastructure of these schools to be implemented in a time frame of three years.

v. In order to provide easy access to medical facilities in remote and inaccessible areas for our employees, it is **proposed to provide 20 Medical Road Medical Vans** at different locations to begin with.

vi. I am happy to report that all the proposed **20 hostels for children** of railway employees have been **commissioned and another 20 would be set up next year.**