

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) to (d) Appointment of retired bureaucrats on constitutional posts or on posts of Regulatory bodies are governed by the relevant provisions of the Constitution or the Acts, Rules and regulations, pertaining to the Regulatory body. The details of such appointments are not centrally maintained.

Posts lying vacant in Government departments

809. SHRI MANGALA KISAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of posts in class-I, II, III, IV lying vacant in various Central Government departments, post-wise, department-wise and the reasons therefor;
- (b) the number out of these which are for SCs and STs, department-wise, postwise;
- (c) if so, the reasons for their lying vacant and since when; and
- (d) by when Government proposes to fill up the backlog vacancies in the SCs and STs in these departments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) The information is not centrally maintained.

(b) The information is not centrally maintained. However, as per information received from 37 Ministries/Departments, the number of backlog reserved vacancies of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes as on 1.11.2008 were 3537 and 2969 respectively.

(c) Some vacancies reserved for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes remain unfilled for reasons like non-availability of suitable candidates, gap between arising of a vacancy and its filling up etc.

(d) Government is making all efforts to fill up the backlog reserved vacancies. Instructions have been issued that if sufficient number of SC/ST candidates does not become available to fill up vacancies reserved for them in the first attempt of recruitment, a second attempt should be made for recruiting suitable candidates belonging to the concerned category in the same recruitment year or as early as possible before the next recruitment. Special Recruitment Drives are launched from time to time for filling up of the backlog vacancies. More than 60,000 backlog vacancies of SCs and STs were filled during the last Special Recruitment Drive. Another Drive has been launched to fill up the remaining backlog vacancies. It may, however, not be possible to fix any time line for filling up of all backlog reserved vacancies.

Setting up of NMAC

810. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: