

**Ban on fresh recruitments**

1108. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of posts in various categories are lying vacant in different departments of the Central Government due to the ban on filling up these vacancies;

(b) if so, the details thereof, department-wise and category-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the ban on recruitments has resulted in denying job opportunities to the educated and affecting the efficiency of these departments; and

(d) if so, whether Government would consider withdrawing the ban on fresh recruitments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) There is no ban on filling of vacancies. Filling up of vacancies is a continuous process, which is undertaken by respective Ministries/ Departments, from time to time, within the framework of existing instructions/rules. The information regarding posts lying vacant in different departments of the Central Government is not Centrally maintained.

(c) and (d) In view of above, does not arise.

**Increase in reservation for scheduled castes**

1109. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry is considering to raise reservation to Scheduled Caste candidates from the present 15 per cent to 16.23 per cent following increase in their population;

(b) whether with this proposed increase the overall ceiling of 50 per cent set by the Supreme Court would be breached;

(c) how far such a proposal is justified in view of the ongoing agitation against 27 per cent reservation for OBCs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) At present, no such proposal is under consideration.