

Recruitment Programmes for SCs/STs

†*415. SHRIALI ANWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are conducting special recruitment programmes for SCs/STs;
- (b) whether in this context a letter has been written on the 9th September, 2005 to all the Ministries on behalf of the Prime Minister;
- (c) whether Government intend to fill up 80 per cent of all vacant posts of SCs/STs by December, 2005 and upto 100 per cent of the same by December, 2006;
- (d) whether Government also intend to adopt the course of direct recruitment and promotion to implement the above;
- (e) if so, the achievement made so far in this regard; and
- (f) whether State Governments have been issued any guidelines in this regard and if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) A Special recruitment drive has been launched by the Government of India from August, 2004 to fill up the backlog reserved vacancies of SCs and STs.

(b) The Prime Minister wrote letters to Ministers-in-Charge of all Ministries/Departments on 9.9.2005 in the matter.

(c) Instructions have been issued to fill up the backlog reserved vacancies by the end of September, 2006.

(d) The Drive covers the backlog vacancies both in direct recruitment and promotion quotas.

(e) As per information received from various Ministries/Departments upto 21.8.2006, a total of 43,226 backlog vacancies of SCs and STs have been filled up in the Ministries/Departments including their attached offices, subordinate offices and autonomous bodies.

(f) The Drive cover the backlog reserved vacancies of the Central Ministries/Departments etc. and, therefore, the question of issuing any guidelines to State Governments does not arise.

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