

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) and (b) As against a sanctioned strength of 6565, the actual strength as on date in CBI is 5389. Out of 1176 vacancies, 720 are under deputation quota which are filled by officers of State Police Forces/Central Police Forces and other organizations of the Central and the State Governments.

The reasons for these vacancies in the CBI are as under:

- (i) Some new posts have been created in 2010 and 2011 which are to be filled through UPSC/SSC.
- (ii) Unwillingness of some State Governments to spare officers for deputation.
- (iii) Unwillingness of officers of some States and some other organizations to join CBI on account of higher pay scale/ pay package in their own cadres/organizations.
- (iv) Time taken in recruiting officers under deputation quota in the ranks of Deputy Superintendent of Police/Additional Superintendent of Police/ Public Prosecutor and Senior Public Prosecutor.
- (v) Non availability of officers from the CPOs like BSF, CRPF, CISF, ITBP etc. on deputation as these organizations are expanding and are unable to spare officials for CBI.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Government is taking long term and short term measures to fill up the vacant posts. As a long term measure, the Government is considering changes in the Recruitment Rules to reduce the deputation quota at various levels and increase the promotion quota and the direct recruitment quota whereby CBI would be able to recruit and promote its own officers. In the short term, the Government has approved contractual appointment of law officers, technical officers, pairvi officers and clerks to fill up vacant posts in CBI and diversion of posts from deputation quota to promotion quota at the level of Deputy Superintendent of Police. Since January, 2010, as many as 1643 posts have been filled up through promotion, recruitment, deputation and contractual appointments.

Appointment of Chairman of NTPC

1924. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chairman of National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd. (NTPC) was not appointed on the proposal of Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) as No. 1 candidate;

(b) if so, the reasons for not accepting the recommendations of PESB;

(c) whether there were several complaints against the present incumbent appointed as CMD in spite of clean-image candidate recommended by PESB;

(d) if so, the reasons thereof and whether Government would enquire into the appointment procedure through CBI; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) and (b) The PESB, in its meeting held on 09.03.2010, had recommended a panel consisting of two names for the post of CMD, NTPC. Taking into account the views/observations of the administrative Ministry concerned viz., Ministry of Power (including experiences in project construction, project management, monitoring, tenure in PSU etc.) candidate at Sl. No. 2 of the panel was appointed as CMD, NTPC.

(c) to (e) There were representations against candidate at Sl. No. 2. However, in view of the reasons given by the Ministry of Power and the clearances received from the CVC and other agencies concerned, the appointment of candidate at Sl. No. 2 as CMD, NTPC was approved. Hence the question of enquiring into the appointment procedure through CBI does not arise.

Launching of special recruitment drive

1925. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has launched a special recruitment plan to fill nearly 60,000 reserved posts lying vacant in various Central Government departments; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when this plan is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) and (b) The Government launched two Special Recruitment Drives - one in November, 2008 to fill up the backlog vacancies reserved for Scheduled