

1968 by 3 IAS and 1 IPS officers of Uttar Pradesh cadre, has been brought to the notice of the Government.

Special recruitment drive

1769. SHRI MANGALA KISAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has issued any direction to all Ministries, Departments, Public Sector bodies of Government of India including all "High Statutory Bodies" functioning under and above Government of India to re-launch of Special Recruit Drive for filling up Backlog reserved vacancies for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes;

(b) if so, whether the special recruitment process has been started or not; and

(c) the outcome of the special recruitment process of various Ministries, Departments, Public Sector bodies and statutory institutes working under and above Government of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. The Special Recruitment Drive for the backlog reserved vacancies for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes has been re-launched *vide* this Department OM No. 36038/1/2008/- Estt (Res), dated 26th July 2011 and instructions have been issued to all the Ministries/Departments to fill up the backlog reserved vacancies identified for SCs, STs and OBCs by 31.3.2012. During the Special Recruitment Drive launched on 19.11.2008, out of 64,193 backlog reserved vacancies which could be filled up, a total of 26,472 vacancies in 73 Ministries/Departments including attached offices, subordinate offices, statutory bodies and public sector undertakings under their control have been filled up, so far.

Stopping of FCS for scientists

1770. SHRIMATI KUSUM RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Flexible Complementing Scheme (FCS) the only avenue made available to scientists in Central Government for their *in-situ* promotion and career advancement has been stopped;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;