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21.	Odisha	40.7	41.4
22.	Puniab	24.9	18.9
23.	Rajasthan	39.9	36.7
24.	Sikkim	19.7	11.2
25.	Tamil Nadu	29.8	28.4
26.	Tripura	39.6	36.9
27.	Uttar Pradesh	42.4	36.0
28.	Uttrakhand	38.0	30.0
29.	West Benaal	38.7	39.1
	India	42.5	35.6

## Demand for Anganwadi in Karnataka

- 4632. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the State Government of Karnataka had submitted to the Ministry a district and Taluk wise lists of Anganwadis totaling to 1156 Anganwadi;
- (b) whether the Minister would state what further action is proposed to be taken in this regard to expedite establishment of these institutions in the State; and
- (c) whether the State Government be apprised of the approval in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) to (c) State Government of Karnataka sent a proposal for 1156 Anganwadi Centres. Government of India has since sanctioned 1141 Anganwadi Centres to the State of Karnataka.

## Filling of reserved vacancies

4633. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: SHRI ANIL DESAI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DoPT has asked to submit a status report on whether the 60,000-odd reserved vacancies in Government jobs, including for the OBCs, have been filled;

- (b) if so, the response of the Ministries to this request; and
- (c) by when all the posts reserved for SCs, STs and OBCs would be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) and (b) The Special Recruitment Drive, 2008 was reviewed and the Government had relaunched the Drive on 26.7.2011 and all the Central Ministries/Departments were requested to fill up the backlog reserved vacancies by 31st March, 2012. All the Ministries/Departments have also been asked to submit the status of filling up of the post through the Drive. The Ministries/Departments have been reminded to furnish the final report of the Drive by 21st May, 2012. The final status from various Ministries/Departments is being received.

(c) Some reserved vacancies remain vacant for reasons like non-availability of suitable candidates, gap between arising of a vacancy and its filling up etc. It may, therefore, be not possible to fix any time line for filling up of all reserved vacancies. However, all efforts are being made to fill up the backlog reserved vacancies. Instructions already exist that if sufficient numbers of SC/ST/OBC candidates do 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 category concerned in the same recruitment year, as early as possible, before the next recruitment. Moreover, Special Recruitment Drives are launched, from time to time, for filling up of the backlog vacancies.

## Committee to study the status of women

4634. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has set up a High Level Expert Committee to study the status of women in the country and details thereof;
- (b) the names of the members of this Committee and what would be its mandate; and
- (c) whether the Committee specifically study on the access of women to employment and issues of discrimination in the labour market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government has set up a High Level Committee on the status of women to undertake comprehensive