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Group 'B'	12135	3149	25.94
Group 'C' (including erstwhile Group 'D')	244588	56638	23.15

(c) and (d) Reservation to Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in Central Government services is provided at the rate of 27% in case of direct recruitment on all India Basis by open competition. In case of direct recruitment on all India basis other than by open competition, reservation for OBCs is provided at the rate of 25.84%.

Percentage of OBCs in recruitment in Central Government services is lower than the stipulated 27%. Some of the vacancies reserved for OBCs remained unfilled due to non-availability of suitable candidates of OBC category.

(e) The Government had launched a Special Recruitment Drive on 19th November, 2008 to fill up the backlog reserved vacancies of OBCs, existing as on 1.11.2008, which was extended upto 31.03.2002. As per information, received from various Ministries/Departments, there were total 22118 backlog reserved vacancies of OBCs, of which as on 31.03.2012, 13680 vacancies have been filled up.

Restructuring of Civil Services Recruitment system

1163. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any request from Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) to restructure the Civil Services Recruitment system;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken any action on the same; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The UPSC has appointed a committee headed by Prof. Arun Nigavekar, former Chairman of UGC to review the existing structure of the Civil Services (Main) Examination. The recommendations of the Committee along with the decisions of the Commission thereupon were received on 31.10.2012. The decision of the Government thereupon has been communicated to the UPSC on 4.3.2013.

- (c) Does not arise.

Panel to identify welfare scheme

1164. SHRIMATI KUSUM RAI:

SHRI ALOK TIWARI:

SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH:

SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has appointed a panel under chairmanship of Abhijit Sen to identify the poor below poverty line deserving welfare schemes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the panel has submitted its report to Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the salient recommendations thereof; and
- (e) if not, by when it is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ministry of Rural Development has constituted an Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. Abhijit Sen, Member, Planning Commission to examine the Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC) indicators and the data analysis and recommend appropriate methodology for determining class of beneficiaries for different rural development programmes.

(c) to (e) As per Terms of Reference, the Expert Committee has to submit its report by 31st March, 2013.

Integrated action plan districts of West Bengal

1165. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the schemes for rural development which are being run for the Integrated Action Plan Districts of West Bengal;
- (b) the funds released for each such district of West Bengal, scheme-wise;