

(e) and (f) On the basis of the media reports that the information regarding the Special Drive launched by CBI on 30.9.2005 had leaked, the CBI is conducting varification into the matter.

**Vacancies for SCs/STs**

1748. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT:

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of reservation for SC, ST and OBCs in services under Central Government and various States/Union Territories, at present;

(b) the number of posts in Central and State Government services vacant for Schedule Castes and Schedule Tribes and OBCs during the year 2003, 2004 and 2005, year-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure that the vacancies are filled within the time bound framework?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI):

(a) Reservation for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes in services under the Government of India is available at the rate of 15%, 7.5% and 27% respectively in case of direct recruitment on all India basis by open competition and at the rate of 16.66%, 7.5% and 25.84% respectively in case of direct recruitment on all India basis otherwise than by open competition. In case of direct recruitment to Group C and D posts normally attracting candidates from a locality or region, reservation for SCs and STs is generally fixed in proportion to their population in the respective States/Union Territories and reservation for OBCs in such cases is fixed keeping in view their population in the concerned State/UT with the stipulation that it does not exceed 27% and total reservation for SCs, STs and OBCs does not exceed 50%. In case of promotion, reservation to SCs and STs is available at the rate of 15% and 7.5% respectively. Reservation in services of the States/UTs is fixed by the respective States/UTs.

(b) Information is not centrally maintained.

(c) Filling up of vacancies is a continuous process and is done by various Ministries/Departments/Offices as per instructions of the Government. A Special Recruitment Drive has recently been also launched by the Government to fill up backlog vacancies reserved for SCs and STs.