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Telangana	680	1285	1823	320	35
Uttar Pradesh	2383	2581	5779	2129	182
Uttarakhand	271	316	1222	30	28
West Bengal	3156	4379	6958	331	119
TOTAL	26954	40618	70812	13320	1667

(c) and (d) There is no proposal to conduct any special recruitment drive to fill-up the existing vacancies. Recruitment to fill up vacant posts is done periodically by holding departmental examination, direct recruitment through Staff Selection Commission and also by individual Circles as per the provisions of the relevant recruitment rules. Further, Departmental Promotion Committee is convened regularly for filling up vacancies on the basis of seniority-cum-fitness. Recruitment to fill up vacant posts is a continuous process.

Introduction of 5G network

2622. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that introduction of 5G network in the country is taking time due to objections from telecom companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when 5G spectrum would be available in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) to (c) The standards for IMT 2020 (International Mobile Telecommunications 2020), also known as 5G technologies in industry, are being finalized and trials of the technologies are in progress globally. The Department of Telecommunications is also working with telecom service providers/original equipment manufacturers on technological studies. On application, the necessary spectrum for testing/experimenting 5G equipment/technology is being allocated to telecom service providers/equipment manufacturers for a period of three months.

Broadband connectivity in Gram Panchayats to Telangana and Andhra Pradesh

2623. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that broadband connectivity has not been completed in all Gram Panchayats (GPs) of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh;