

(C) Representation in Central Government Ministries/Departments in Under Secretary Grade and above under Central Staffing Scheme\*\*:-

| Grade            | In position | SCs         | STs        | OBCs*       |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| Secretary        | 89          | 01 (1.12%)  | 03 (3.37%) | 00 (0%)     |
| Addl. Secretary  | 93          | 06 (6.45%)  | 05 (5.38%) | 00 (0%)     |
| Joint Secretary  | 275         | 13 (4.73%)  | 09 (3.27%) | 19 (6.91%)  |
| Director         | 288         | 31 (10.76%) | 12 (4.17%) | 40 (13.89%) |
| Deputy Secretary | 79          | 07 (8.86%)  | 03 (3.80%) | 21 (26.58%) |
| Under Secretary  | 02          | 00 (0%)     | 0 (0%)     | 00 (0%)     |

\* The data for OBC officers is being maintained only after OBC reservation was introduced.

\*\*\* In the Central Staffing Scheme officers are drawn from various services on deputation basis.

#### **Abolition of application fees for government examinations**

728. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that many aspiring candidates are unable to pay fees to participate in Government's recruitment examinations and other competitive examinations;
- (b) whether Government is considering to abolish application fees for examinations of Government posts by bringing new affordable technology in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to abolish application fee for all candidates appearing for Government recruitment examinations.

However, candidates belonging to Schedule Caste/Schedule Tribe, persons with disabilities, ex-servicemen and women candidates are already exempted from payment of fee for Government recruitment examinations.

#### **Complaint of corruption in Kendriya Bhandar**

729. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: