

(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: