(b) the total number of such vacancies in various departments for which candidates are to be recruited under SCs/STs category; and
(c) the details of programmes run by Government for filling up all the existing vacancies for SCs/STs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) has issued general instructions to all Ministries/ Departments to constitute an In-House Committee for identification of backlog reserved vacancies, to study the root cause of such vacancies, to initiate measures to remove the factors causing such vacancies and to fill them up through Special Recruitment Drives. Details regarding such Drives conducted by each Ministry/Department are not maintained by DoP\&T. However, DoPT monitors the progress with regard to filling up of backlog reserved vacancies for Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in ten Ministries/Departments, having more than 90 per cent of the employees of Central Government.

As per the data provided by six Ministries/Departments (which includes data relating to Public Sector Banks, Financial Institutions, Central Public Sector Undertakings etc.), as on 31.12.2017, out of 13968 backlog vacancies for SCs and 11040 backlog vacancies for STs, 6186 backlog vacancies for SCs and 4137 backlog vacancies for STs were filled up. As on 01.01.2018, 7782 backlog vacancies for SCs and 6903 backlog vacancies for STs remained unfilled.

Besides the above six, three more Ministries/ Departments have informed that as on 31.12.2018, out of 9624 backlog vacancies for SCs and 8659 backlog vacancies for STs, 7911 backlog vacancies for SCs and 6129 backlog vacancies for STs were filled up. As on 01.01.2019,1713 backlog vacancies for SCs and 2530 backlog vacancies for STs remained unfilled.

## Backlog vacancies for SCs/STs

†602. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:
(a) the number of posts still lying vacant in various departments of the Central Government, cadre-wise and category-wise;
$\dagger$ Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.
(b) whether Government has any proposal for filling backlog vacancies of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and other reserved categories; and
(c) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken to fill up these vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) The number of vacant posts of Central Government Civilian Employees, as on March 1, 2018, in Group A, Group B (Gazetted), Group B (Non-Gazetted) and Group C was 19896, 29333, 60305 and 574289, respectively.

Department of Personnel and Training (DOPT) has already issued instructions to all Ministries/ Departments to constitute an In-house Committee for identification of backlog reserved vacancies, to study the root cause of such vacancies, to initiate measures to remove the factors causing such vacancies and to fill them up through Special Recruitment Drives.

The DOPT monitors the progress in filling up of backlog reserved vacancies for Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) with ten Ministries/Departments, having more than 90 per cent of the employees in Central Government.

Out of these ten Ministries/Departments, six Ministries/Departments have informed that as on 31.12.2017, out of 13968 backlog vacancies for SCs, 11040 backlog vacancies for STs and 20044 backlog vacancies for OBCs, 6186 backlog vacancies for SCs,4137 backlog vacancies for STs and 9185 backlog vacancies for OBCs were filled up. As on 01.01.2018, 7782 backlog vacancies for SCs, 6903 backlog vacancies for STs and 10859 backlog vacancies for OBCs remained unfilled.

Besides the above six, three more Ministries/Departments have informed that as on 31.12.2018, out of 9624 backlog vacancies for SCs, 8659 backlog vacancies for STs and 7293 backlog vacancies for OBCs, 7911 backlog vacancies for SCs, 6129 backlog vacancies for STs and 5520 backlog vacancies for OBCs were filled up. As on 01.01.2019, 1713 backlog vacancies for SCs, 2530 backlog vacancies for STs and 1773 backlog vacancies for OBCs remained unfilled.

