

presentations and meeting with the authorities responsible for the urban waste management, such as city municipal corporations. For example, technical meeting with Municipal Corporation of Pune has recently been conducted for publicity and implementation of the technology. In addition to this, dissemination of information and publicity of the radiation technology for dry sewage management is being carried out via publications of articles and through outreach programs.

### **Opening gates for FDI in nuclear power**

485. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to open gates for FDI in nuclear power, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware that this would be a paradigm shift in India's nuclear power policy and subsequently open the gates for multinational companies to invest in the country's nuclear energy projects which would make Indian nuclear institutions vulnerable in respect to security and safety; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The present policy (Consolidated FDI Policy of Government) puts atomic energy in the list of prohibited sectors. However, there is no restriction on Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the nuclear industry for manufacturing of equipment and providing other supplies for nuclear power plants and related other facilities.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

### **Vacancies in the Ministry**

†486. SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts lying vacant in various grades in the Ministry of Atomic Energy;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government has recently invited application from Graduate Engineers, Diploma Engineers, 10th and 12th pass and ITI certificate holder candidates to fill up these posts; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) The details of posts lying vacant in various grades/categories in the Constituent Units of the Department of Atomic Energy is as given below:

Sl. No.	Grades/Categories	Number of Posts lying vacant
1.	Scientific	528
2.	Technical	4747
3.	Admin / Accounts	482
4.	Auxiliary	2277
TOTAL		8034

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Applications have been invited by Constituent Units of Department of Atomic Energy for filling up of various grades/categories of vacant posts from Graduate Engineers, Diploma Engineers, 10th and 12th pass and ITI certificate holder candidates as per the requisite recruitment norms for the respective posts. The details are given below:

Sl. No.	Grades/Categories	Advertisements issued for number of posts
1.	Scientific	61
2.	Technical	676
3.	Admin / Accounts	96
4.	Auxiliary	281
TOTAL		1114

#### **Vacancies in Karnataka postal circle**

487. SHRI K. C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are more than 1,700 vacancies of Multi Tasking Staff, Postman, Postal Assistant, etc., in Karnataka Postal Circle;