

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS  
(DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL & TRAINING)

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2203**  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2022)

**BACKLOG POSTS OF SC/ST AND OBCs**

**2203 # DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of posts lying vacant in various Ministries and Departments under Government;
- (b) the number of vacant/backlog SC/ST and OBC posts, category-wise details thereof;
- (c) whether the Department of Personnel has prepared any plan to fill up the vacant/backlog posts of SCs/STs and OBCs, if so, Ministry-wise/Department-wise details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether Government proposes to abolish these posts and if not, the steps being taken to fill these vacant posts by launching a special drive, the Ministry-wise/Department-wise details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES  
AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE  
(DR. JITENDRA SINGH)**

(a): As per Annual Report of Pay Research Unit of Department of Expenditure total 9,79,327 posts are lying vacant in Central Government Ministries/ Department as on 01.03.2021.

(b) to (d): Filling up of vacancies, including backlog reserved vacancies, is a continuous process. Where a post remains vacant for more than two years/ three years, the same becomes "deemed abolished" as per Department of Expenditure OM No. 7(1)/E-Coord-I/2017 dated 12.04.2017. However, based on functional justification, such posts may be revived. Instructions have been issued to all Ministries/ Departments of the Central Government 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.

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