

Government of India  
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment  
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1084**  
ANSWERED ON 04/12/2024

**VACANCY OF THE POST OF CCPD**

1084. SHRI MANOJ KUMAR JHA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it's a fact that the post of Chief Commissioner for Person with Disabilities (CCPD) is vacant, if so, since when and the reason therefor;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, is also discharging functions of CCPD, if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to fill the post, including date of advertisement, number of applications received and qualification of candidates who applied?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L. VERMA)

- (a) Yes; Consequent upon the completion of the approved tenure of the last regular CCPD, the post of CCPD is vacant since 27.01.2019. The Department initiated the process of regular appointment to the post of CCPD thrice so far. However, no name could be finalized. Now fresh advertisement is being issued.
- (b) Yes; The present Secretary, DEPwD has been holding the post of CCPD on an additional charge basis with the approval of Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) and Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment so that the functioning of the office of CCPD is not affected by the vacancy on the post.
- (c) **Details of the steps taken by DEPwD to fill the post of CCPD on regular basis since the occurrence of the vacancy:**

Consequent upon completion of the approved tenure of the last regular CCPD in 27.01.2019, to fill the vacancy, this Department submitted proposals to the competent authority in March 2019 that was turned down by the Competent Authority.

As a second attempt, the proposal for appointment to the post of CCPD on regular basis was sent in March, 2023 that was not approved by the Competent Authority.

The third attempt to fill the vacancy was made on November, 2023. A detailed advertisement and the short version of the advertisement were issued on 14.11.2023 and 16.12.2023 respectively to invite applications from the interested and eligible candidates. In response, total

28 applications were received in the Department within the stipulated time. A Screening committee was constituted that screened the applications and recommended 8 applicants as eligible as per the prescribed criteria. The recommendations were subsequently placed before a Search-cum-Selection-committee (ScSC) constituted with the approval of the Hon'ble Minister, Social Justice & Empowerment in March, 2024. ScSC recommended a panel of 3 candidates for the post of CCPD. The proposal was sent to DoPT for required approval. DoPT has conveyed that fresh process should be started.

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