

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 614
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2023)

DISTRICT RATH PRABHARIS

614. SHRIMATI PRATIMA MONDAL:
SHRI VIJAYAKUMAR ALIAS VIJAY VASANTH:
PROF. SOUGATA RAY:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government has asked all departments to nominate officers to act Rath Prabharis to advertise and promote the achievements of the Government over the past nine years and issued a circular in this regard to all departments and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has appointed the officers in the Rank of Joint Secretaries/Directors/ Deputy Secretaries as “District Rath Prabharis” for various districts of the country and if so, the details thereof, Ministry-wise and department-wise along with the objective of such appointments;
- (c) whether the Government has sought the opinion of such officers before issuing the order and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is a fact that the Indian Administrative Officers will showcase the achievements up to the Panchayat level as part of a Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether it is a fact that such deployment of IAS officers was an unprecedented one; and
- (f) whether major political parties have raised objections in this regard and if so, the 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) to (f): The Government of India, with participation of States and Union Territories, is actively engaged in the mission of saturation through its flagship schemes for providing basic amenities like sanitation facilities, essential financial services, access to LPG connections, housing for the poor, food security, proper nutrition, reliable healthcare, clean drinking water, quality education etc. and making required services accessible to all targeted and eligible beneficiaries. Another step in this direction would be to ensure awareness of benefits and various facilities available to citizens so as to facilitate the last mile delivery. With this aim, a nationwide campaign for saturation through creating awareness and enrolment of beneficiaries named “Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra”, has been planned. In the past, Nodal Officers have been appointed for Jal Shakti Abhiyan and Aspirational Districts Program, amongst others, for facilitation and coordination. In the same manner, Government of India has appointed Nodal Officers at States/ Districts for effective coordination of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra with State and District administrations.