## Regarding filling up of vacancies in nationalized banks-laid

**SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR (MUMBAI NORTH-WEST):** In the nationalized banks, 22 thousand vacancies of clerks were filled up in 2012 whereas only 6 thousand vacancies were filled up in 2023. The number of clerks in 2013 was 3 lakh 98 thousand whereas till date it is only 2 lakh 57 thousand. These posts of 1 lakh clerks as per requirement are lying vacant. The number of peons in 2013 was 1 lakh 53 thousand and it is 1 lakh 1 thousand today. This means 1 lakh post of peons are lying vacant. Due to outsourcing of house- keeping work, staff has been practically abolished in banks. Moreover, due to frequent interruption of power in rural areas digital facilities are not functional regularly. Honourable Prime Minister of India brought ?Jan-Dhan Yojana?. In this Yojana, 50.70 crores of bank accounts were operative and Rs. 2.07 lakh crores of deposits were collected in this scheme. It may be pointed out that majority of depositors are from economically backward classes and are finding it difficult to transact with the bank. I earnestly request that all the vacancies of Clerks and Peons, House-keeping staff etc. may be filled up on the top priority and services charges may be cancelled.