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VACANT POSTS IN POSTAL DEPARTMENT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some posts of various categories are lying vacant in the Department of Posts;
- (b) If so, the details thereof, category-wise and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to fill up all the vacant posts?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The category-wise vacant posts in the Department of Posts is as under:-

Group `A` Group `B` Group `C` Group `D` Total

101 2053 36759 8400 47313

The posts are lying vacant as filling up of direct recruitment vacancies is a time consuming process as certain prescribed pre-requisite procedure have to be followed before resorting to direct recruitment in any grade such as approval of Screening committee, clearance from the surplus cell, reporting of vacancies to Union Public Service Commission/Staff Selection Commission, conducting examination by the various nodal agencies, verification of character and antecedents of persons recommended for appointment etc. The posts are also lying vacant for the reason that either the vacancies have become available recently or the nominations of candidates for direct recruitment are awaited from Union Public Service Commission/Staff Selection Commission or officers ordered to be promoted are in the process of taking over the charge.

(c) The vacant posts are either to be filled up by promotion or by direct recruitment according to the provisions contained in the relevant Recruitment Rules. The Departmental Promotion committee meetings are being held regularly to fill up the vacancies by promotion. Departmental Examinations are also being held as per schedule to fill up promotional posts wherever Departmental Examinations are prescribed. the direct recruitment are being filled up as per the policy laid down by the Government.