

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
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FILLING UP OF VACANT POSTS IN CBDT AND CBEC  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total sanctioned and holding strength of various departments under the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) and the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC);
- (b) whether the departments like Income Tax and Customs and Excise have been facing acute shortage of staff;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor and the volume of duties outstanding during 2010-11, item-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to fill up the vacant posts in these departments and to facilitate better handling of work?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S.PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) & (b): Sanctioned strength, holding strength and vacancy position in respect of Central Board of Excise Customs(CBEC) and Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) are given below;

CBEC

	Sanctioned strength	Working strength	Vacancy
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Group A	3075	2346	729
Group B	43819	34241	9578
Group C	26838	18550	8288

CBDT

	Sanctioned strength	Working strength	Vacancy
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Group A	4430	3137	1293
Group B	8839	7968	871
Group C	44524	30357	14167

(c): So far as CBEC is concerned, vacancies in the grade of Assistant Commissioner from Group 'A' could not be filled up due to pending seniority dispute in one of the feeder cadres. It also affected regular promotions in higher grades.

As far the CBDT the reasons for the vacancies inter alia include unavailability in the cadre of Stenographers for direct recruitment and time taken in the process of selection and appointment of candidates.

Volume of duties outstanding pertaining to CBEC & CBDT during 2010-2011 is as below:

Year	Total arrears (Rs. In Crores)
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2010-11 (as on 31.3.2011)

Indirect Taxes

Central Excise	31739.41
Customs	9679.51
Service Tax	15470.7
Total	56889.62

Direct Taxes

Income Tax	157994
Corporation Tax	90933
Total	2,48,927

(d): CBEC constantly monitors vacancies for filling up at the earliest opportunity. There are several vacancies in different grades, where, the work is temporarily managed by internal arrangements, till all the posts are filled up. The process of filling up of vacant posts is in progress, at different stages, for different posts at present.

The Government has made sincere efforts in the last three years and filled up vacancies in Group `A` on an ad-hoc basis to the extent possible.

As per selection through the Combined Graduate Level Examination (CGLE), 2010, the S.S.C. has sponsored total 1305 candidates for various posts. Further, DG(HRD) has intimated 2472 vacancies for direct recruitment through CGLE, 2011.

Similarly, CBDT has taken up with the Staff Selection Commission for filling up direct recruitment. The filling up of posts through UPSC and action for promotion in Group A is initiated by holding of meetings of Departmental Promotion Committee regularly.