

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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RECRUITMENT IN GREF
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has sanctioned some additional posts of Group A personnel in General Reserve Engineer Force (GREF);
- (b) if so, whether the benefit of reservation of posts for SC/ST and OBC officers of the GREF cadre will be admissible to them against these additionally sanctioned posts; and
- (c) if so, the break-up of vacancies in different posts reserved for SC/ST and OBC officers of GREF cadre still lying vacant and the time-frame fixed for filling up these vacancies?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) Yes, Madam. Consequent to the approval of Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) in 2006, the sanctioned posts of Group A personnel in General Reserve Engineer Force (GREF) were increased from 654 to 980.

(b) As per Government of India Policy, in Border Roads Organisation too reservation in the Group 'A' posts for General Reserve Engineer Force (GREF) Officers is made at the entry level.

(c) Category wise break-up in different posts of Group 'A' SC/ST/OBC officers of GREF at the entry level lying vacant as on date is as under:-

S. No.	Category	SC	ST	OBC	Total
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(a)	Asstt Executive Engineer (Civil)	31	13	36	80
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(b)	Asstt Executive Engineer (E&M)	3	6	10	19
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(c)	Administrative Officer	3	4	9	16
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The recruitment is an ongoing process and Group 'A' posts are filled up by UPSC through Combined Engineering Service Examination and interview conducted by them. On basis of candidates made available by the UPSC against Asstt Executive Engineers (AEEs) vacancies, offers of appointment were issued to 56 SC/ST/OBC candidates in 2010-2011. A requisition for filling up 90 vacant posts of AEE (Civ) including SC/ST/OBC posts for the year 2011 has already been sent to UPSC. The recruitment process for other posts filled up through Direct Recruitment as well as promotions is underway. A specific time frame cannot be fixed by the Ministry.