

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:966
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DAILY RATED MAZDOORS
Ray Shri Bishnu Pada

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Daily Rated Mazdoors (DRMs) working in the Secretariat and under Andaman Public Works Department (APWD) in the Andaman and Nicobar Administration, separately;
- (b) the number of years for which the said DRMs have been working thereunder alongwith the reason for appointing the said DRMs;
- (c) whether the Secretariat is facing shortage of manpower;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the DRMs employed for skilled/semi-skilled work are paid wages fixed for unskilled workers; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to make such DRMs permanent?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

- (a): The total number of Daily Rated Mazdoors (DRMs) working in the Secretariat and under Andaman Public works Department (APWD) is 32 and 988 respectively.
- (b): In the Secretariat of Andaman & Nicobar Administration Daily Rated Mazdoor have been working for periods ranging from less than 1 year to 6 years. In APWD, Daily Rated Mazdoor have been working from periods ranging from 3 months to 10 years. DRMs have been engaged in APWD for civil and connected works. In Secretariat, DRMs have been engaged due to delay in filling up of erstwhile Group 'D' posts.
- (c) & (d): Yes, Madam, due to ban on creation of new posts, there is shortage of manpower in the Secretariat.
- (e): No, Madam.
- (f): DRMs are engaged to manage the works for specific period. There is no provision to make DRMs permanent. Regular vacancies are filled up in accordance with the notified Recruitment Rules.