

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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APPOINTMENT OF BACKWARD CLASSES

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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of appointments of the candidates belonging to the Backward Classes made by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) in Class-I Posts in various cadres of the Union Government during the last three years;

(b) whether the posts reserved for backward classes in various Ministries and Departments of Central Government are still lying vacant; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to fill up these posts?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office.
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(a): The total number of candidates belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBCs) recommended for appointment in Group 'A' posts by the Union Public Service Commission during 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 are 942, 980 and 1177 respectively.

(b)&(c): Some reserved vacancies remain unfilled due to non-availability of candidates, time gap between occurrence of a vacancy and its filling up, etc. Instructions provide that if the vacancies reserved for SCs, STs and OBCs in direct recruitment quota are not filled up in first attempt, a second attempt should be made for recruiting suitable candidates belonging to the concerned category in the same recruitment year or as early as possible before the next recruitment year. Besides, the Government has been launching special recruitment drives from time to time to fill up the backlog reserved vacancies both in direct recruitment quota and promotion quota.