

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5290
ANSWERED ON:29.04.2013
VACANCIES IN TEA BOARD
Bali Ram Dr.

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several posts of factory advisory officers are still lying vacant against its sanctioned strength in the Tea Board of India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the number of vacancies lying vacant and filled up during each of the last three years, stream-wise;
- (c) whether sufficient number of candidates had applied for the said posts and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether uniform criteria laid down by the Tea Board of India has been followed in the selection of the candidates for the said posts during the said period; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the action taken by the Government in this regard and the time likely to be taken by the Government for filling up the vacant posts of the factory advisory officers in the Tea Board of India?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

- (a): Eight posts of Factory Advisory Officers are still lying vacant against the sanctioned strength of twenty two posts in the Tea Board of India.
- (b): After creation of 22 posts of Factory Advisory Officers, 14 posts have been filled up so far. Written Examination for the balance 08 posts were conducted on 24th March, 2013 and interview call letters are to be issued for final selection. The post have been filled only once during the last 3 years. There are no separate streams.
- (c): 510 candidates applied for the post out of which 130 were found ineligible on technical grounds. Out of 380 eligible candidates, 200 appeared in written examination. Based on the performance in the written test 69 candidates appeared for interview. Only 14 have qualified in the interview for final selection.
- (d): Yes Madam.
- (e): Due process like written examination followed by interview was done in selection of these 14 candidates. Reservation norms as applicable were also observed while selecting the candidates. The rest 8 posts shall be filled up shortly.