

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PRIME MINISTER  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1424  
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VACANT POSTS OF DEPUTY SECRETARIES  
Naranbhai Shri Kachhadia

**Will the Minister of PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of posts of Deputy Secretary in the Central Secretariat cadre lying vacant as on date;
- (b) whether the Government has made any efforts to fill up these vacant posts;
- (c) if so, the number of Under Secretaries who have become eligible to be promoted to the post of Deputy Secretary by June, 2013; and
- (d) the number of posts which have become vacant due to retirements during the last year and the current year till July, 2013 that are likely to be filled up?

**Answer**

Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office.  
(SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

- (a) & (b): Out of the sanctioned strength of 600 in the grade of Deputy Secretary/Director/Joint Secretary (In-situ), there are at present 298 substantive vacancies. These vacancies have been filled up by promotion of Under Secretaries as Deputy Secretary on ad-hoc basis. Therefore, no post of Deputy Secretary of CSS is lying vacant at present.
- (c): By June, 2013, there are 384 Under Secretaries who have become eligible for consideration for promotion to the grade of Deputy Secretary.
- (d): 178 retirement vacancies of Deputy Secretary/Director from January, 2012 to July, 2013 have already been filled up by promoting Under Secretaries on ad-hoc basis.