

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:148

ANSWERED ON:03.12.2014

GRAMIN DAK SEVAKS

Gawali (Patil) Ms. Bhavana; Tumane Shri Krupal Balaji

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is shortage of gramin dak sevaks in the country and if so, the number of vacant posts as well as the actual number of dak sevaks, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to appoint gramin dak sevaks as postman and Multi-Task Staff (MTS) and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the criteria fixed for the selection/ appointment of dak sevaks as postman and MTS; and
- (d) the time by which these dak sevaks are likely to be appointed as postman and MTS?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 148 FOR 3rd DECEMBER, 2014 REGARDING "GRAMIN DAK SEVAKS".

(a) There is no shortage of rural dak sevaks (Gramin Dak Sevaks) in the country. Vacancies, however, occur due to various reasons such as cessation of service on attaining the maximum age of engagement as GDS, resignation, death, selection to departmental posts (MTS/Postman), etc. The vacancies are filled up as prescribed. This is a continuous ongoing process.

(b) No, Madam. However, the existing Recruitment Rules for Postman and Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS) of the Department of Posts provide for appointment of Gramin Dak Sevaks in both these cadres on the following two criteria.

(i) Based on Seniority.

(ii) Based on separate Examination conducted for GDS.

(c) The criteria fixed for the selection/appointment of dak sevaks as postman and MTS is as under :-

(i) For Postman :-The Recruitment Rules for Postman provide for 50% of vacancies of Postman to be filled by Gramin Dak Sevaks based on a competitive examination limited to the Gramin Dak Sevaks.

(ii) For Multi Tasking Staff (MTS) :-The Recruitment Rules for Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS) provide for 25% of vacancies of MTS to be filled from Gramin Dak Sevaks on the basis of Seniority. In addition, 25% of vacancies are to be filled by Gramin Dak Sevaks based on a competitive examination limited to the Gramin Dak Sevaks only.

(d) The appointment of GDS as Postman and MTS depends on the availability of earmarked quota vacancies, the eligibility of the GDS as per the Recruitment Rules, position in the seniority list and their passing of examination, as the case may be. Filling up of vacancies in Postman and MTS cadres is an on-going process and GDS are appointed against the quota of vacancies earmarked for them under seniority or examination as mentioned above.