

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2105  
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SHORTAGE OF STAFF  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Food Corporation of India (FCI) is facing acute shortage of labour and staff;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken in this regard;
- (c) whether it is also true that the FCI is considering to make the movement of grains containerised; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the benefit likely to accrue therefrom?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b): Yes Madam, there is overall shortage of workers engaged by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) across the country. The details of the sanctioned strength and men in position under various labour systems of FCI as on 30.9.2014 are as under:

Labour system	Sanction strength	Men in position	Shortage
Departmental	19858	16908	-2950
Direct Payment	31600	27223	-4377
System (DPS)			
No Work No Pay	7886	7904	18
Total	59344	52035	-7309

However, in view of the increasing handling cost, FCI is not inducting any new labourer nowadays.

There is a shortage of staff also. Against the Sanctioned Strength of 36515 staff, total number of staff in position is 23946. Hence there is a shortage of 12569 officials/ officers across Category-I, II & III as on 31.12.2014.

In order to overcome the shortage of staff, process of recruitment was started in 2012-13 for 8060 Category-III posts against which 3347 candidates have joined so far. During 2013-14, recruitment of 460 Category-II posts was undertaken, against which 165 candidates have joined. Further, in 2013-14, recruitment of 30 Category-I posts was done, against which 13 candidates have joined. The joining is still in progress. In February 2015, advertisement has been released for recruitment of 4318 Category-III posts in FCI and process initiated.

(c) & (d): It is submitted that movement of foodgrains is done through modes of transport which are most economical for particular routes. Presently FCI is undertaking coastal transport through containers from Andhra Pradesh to Kerala. A quantity of 104542 MT of foodgrain has been transported through 16 voyages of ships.