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Title: Need to conduct Section Officers' Limited Departmental Competitive Examination for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018.

SHRI TARIQ ANWAR (KATIHAR): I wish to raise the issue that out of 3193 posts of Section Officer, around 1270 posts are vacant in various Ministries and Department of Central Government. 50% of the vacant posts are filled up through promotion on seniority and the rest 50% are filled up through Departmental Exam conducted by UPSC. The result of Section Officers' Limited Departmental Competitive Exam held in 2015 has not been declared so far due to litigation. Consequently, next exams of 2016, 2017 & 2018 have not yet been notified. The extant Central Secretariat service Regulations, 2010, under which above exam is conducted, makes some juniors eligible and some seniors of the same select list ineligible, which results in grievances almost every year leading to court cases thus the process of promotion gets derailed. DOPT should sort out the problems amicably so that the SOLDCE 2016, 17 & 18 could be conducted at the earliest.