

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 284
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 02ND DECEMBER, 2025

VACANCIES IN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

284. SHRI BAPI HALDAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be please to state:-

- (a) the number of sanctioned posts, in position and the number of vacancies, including reserved posts across categories at the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare;
- (b) the number of vacancies in the Ministry and Department, including reserved posts since 2014, year and category-wise details; and
- (c) the number of contractual employees hired since 2014, year and category-wise details?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): This Ministry is manned by officials/ officers belonging to All India, Other Organised and General Civil Services etc. This Ministry implements posting, transfer & promotion orders of the cadre controlling authorities of these services. In Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, 983 posts are filled up, against sanctioned strength of 1360.

Regarding vacancies and hiring of employees since 2014, it is informed that occurrence and filling up of vacancies is a continuous process. By the time, vacancies reported by the Department to the cadre controlling authorities, are filled up, in compliance with the reservation norms/guidelines, some new vacancies arise due to retirement, resignation, death, promotion etc. of an employee.

(c): Contractual engagements are resorted to as a stopgap arrangement for fixed tenure, in accordance with Govt of India rules and regulations due to exigencies of work, economy of operations and unavoidable circumstances, till filling up of vacancies by various recruiting agencies of Central Government including Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and Staff Selection Commission (SSC) etc or till the requirement exists.
