

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR OBC
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has provided adequate job opportunities for the persons belonging to Other Backward Communities (OBC) in the various Departments, Autonomous Offices, subsidiary and attached offices of his Ministry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether in most instances the OBC staff strength is far less than what it should be in corresponding to the total strength, particularly in Group A and B;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard;
- (e) whether the Government has asked for any detailed reports from the various Department, Autonomous offices, subsidiary and attached offices of his Ministry regarding the current status of OBC representations in Group A, B, C, and D; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) :- In terms of declared policy of the Government, reservation is applicable for OBCs since September 1993 in all Groups of posts/services filled up by Direct Recruitment. In accordance with the prevailing instructions, posts reserved for OBCs have been earmarked in the post based rosters, introduced with effect from 02.07.1997, in respect of all the posts/services in the Ministry wherever such reservation is applicable. As per the information furnished by the attached / subordinate offices, Autonomous organisations, Public Sector Undertakings under the control of this Ministry, out of 171, 645, 3610 and 1338 posts earmarked for OBC in respect of Group A, B, C & D respectively in the post based rosters, 93, 92, 1655 and 565 posts respectively were lying physically vacant as on 06.03.2003.