

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4215
ANSWERED ON:21.12.2005
ABOLITION OF LDC POSTS
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the post of Lower Division Clerk in the Central Secretariat Clerical Service has been abolished in the recent cadre restructuring;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has also stopped direct recruitment at Personal Assistant level in CSSS cadre instead of stopping direct recruitment at the lowest rung of CSSS i.e. Stenographer Grade 'D' as in the case of Lower Division Clerk grade; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS. (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI)

(a) to (d): A statement is annexed.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4215 FOR ANSWER ON 21.12.2005.

(a) & (b): On the basis of the recommendations of the Committee on Cadre Restructuring of Central Secretariat Service (CSS), the Government has taken several decisions, which inter alia, include the following:-

- (i) To discontinue the Direct Recruitment to the post of Lower division Clerk of Central Secretariat Clerical Service (CSCS).
- (ii) To abolish vacant posts of Lower division Clerk in CSCS, which are filled up through direct recruitment.
- (iii) To change the mode of recruitment for the post of Lower Division clerk in CSCS by way of 70% by promotion of Group 'D' Staff and 30% through Limited Departmental Competitive Examination (for Group 'D' Staff).

(c) & (d): The Group of Officers on Cadre Structure of Central Secretariat Stenographers' Service (CSSS) had observed that under the existing system of recruitment, Stenographer Grade 'C' and Stenographer Grade 'D' of CSSS were differentiated only on the basis of Stenographic Speed, tested in a common competitive examination conducted by the Staff Selection Commission (SSC), therefore direct recruitment at two consecutive levels in CSSS was not necessary. After considering the recommendations of the Group of Officers, the Government has taken several decisions on Cadre Structure of CSSS, which, inter alia, include stoppage of Direct Recruitment in Stenographer Grade 'C' (Personal Assistant) of CSSS.