

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1865  
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VACANT POSTS IN LAKSHADWEEP  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a large number of posts are presently lying vacant in various departments under the local administration of Lakshadweep islands;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, category-wise and the reasons for not filling up these vacancies so far;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to take immediate steps to fill up these vacancies; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGHUPATHY)

(a) & (b): There are at present 417 posts lying vacant under the Lakshadweep Administration as per details given below:

Sl. No.    Category    No. of posts vacant

- 1.    Group `A`    28
- 2.    Group `B`    23
- 3.    Group `C`    267
- 4.    Group `D`    99

These posts are lying vacant for various reasons including ban on filling up of vacancies which are more than one year old; non-availability of eligible officers; on-going litigation; and the recruitment process set in motion but not yet completed.

(c) & (d): The action to fill up the vacant posts not covered under ban orders is already at hand.