

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

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SECRETARIES HEADING MINISTRIES/DEPARTMENTS
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Secretaries heading the various Union Ministries and Departments; and
- (b) the number of years of service put in by each of them in the Additional Secretary Grade before they were appointed as Secretaries to the Government of India?

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): Total number of Secretaries heading the various Union Ministries and Departments as on 11-03-2005 - 73.

(b): The eligibility of officers for holding the post of Secretary as laid down under the Central Staffing Scheme is as under :-

Minimum of two years of service in a post carrying a basic pay of Rs.22400/- or above. (Note: In case of All India Services officers who stand allocated to different cadres, eligibility criteria will apply to the entire batch as soon as one officer of the batch has put in the required 2 years of service on a post carrying a basic pay of Rs.22400/- P.M.)

Stringent criteria of selection would apply to members of all the services.