

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
(DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING)

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1218
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2018)

VACANCIES IN CIC

1218. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR:
SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA:

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the office of the Chief Information Commissioner is presently vacant;
- (b) if so, by when Government proposes to fill this vacancy;
- (c) what is the sanctioned strength and vacancies in the Central Information Commission (CIC);
- (d) whether the current number of Members is at full sanctioned strength;
- (e) if not, by when Government proposes to fill the vacancies;
- (f) the date on which each vacancy in the Commission was created; and
- (g) what are the reasons for the delays in filling the vacancies in the CIC?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE
(DR. JITENDRA SINGH)**

(a) & (b): The previous Chief Information Commissioner in Central Information Commission completed his tenure on 24.11.2018. The advertisement for filling up the post was issued on 24.10.2018. The process for selection and appointment of Chief Information Commissioner in Central Information Commission is at an advanced stage.

(c) & (d): As per Section 12(3) of the Right to Information Act, the Central Information Commission shall consist of:

- (i) the Chief Information Commissioner; and
- (ii) such number of Central Information Commissioners, **not exceeding ten, as may be deemed necessary.**

Currently, there are three Information Commissioners in position.

(e) to (g): The advertisement for filling up the posts of Information Commissioners was issued on 27.07.2018. All the applications have been placed before the Committee constituted as per section 12(3) of Right to Information Act, 2005. The process for selection and appointment of Information Commissioners in Central Information Commission is at an advanced stage.

The status of incumbency for Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in Central Information Commission as on 14.12.2018 is shown in Annexure.

Chief Information Commissioner and Information Commissioners in Central
Information Commission

(Status As on 14.12.2018)

Sl.No.	Name	Date of completion of tenure
1.	Shri R.K. Mathur, Chief Information Commissioner	24.11.2018
2.	Shri Basant Seth Information Commissioner	15.02.2017
3.	Shri Yashovardhan Azad Information Commissioner	21.11.2018
4.	Shri Sharat Sabharwal Information Commissioner	22.09.2017
5.	Ms. Manjula Prasher Information Commissioner	15.01.2018
6.	Shri M.A. Khan Yusufi Information Commissioner	31.12.2016
7.	Shri Madabhusanam Sridhar Acharyulu Information Commissioner	21.11.2018
8.	Shri Sudhir Bhargava Information Commissioner	11.01.2020
9.	Shri Amitava Bhattacharya Information Commissioner	01.12.2018
10.	Shri Bimal Julka Information Commissioner	26.08.2020
11.	Shri Divya Prakash Sinha Information Commissioner	25.09.2020

Vacancies are marked in **BOLD**