

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

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 85
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2023)

AD-HOC ASSISTANT SECTION OFFICERS

85 DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

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

- (a) the details of the Assistant Section Officers (ASOs) who are still on ad-hoc basis instead of permanent, along with the date of their appointment, Ministry-wise; and
- (b) the reason for the delay and whether Government intends to make them permanent, if so, the time limit and if not, the reasons therefor?

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): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 85 (10TH POSITION) FOR ANSWER ON 27.07.2023 BY DR. AMEE YAJNIK ON AD-HOC ASSISTANT SECTION OFFICERS

(a): Out of the total 5414 Assistant Section Officers (ASOs) presently working in the Government of India, 982 are working on ad-hoc basis as Assistant Section Officers (ASOs). The ministry wise details are annexed herewith.

(b): The regularization in the grade of Assistant Section Officer (ASO) was delayed due to prolonged litigations since 2012. The final judgements in the cases were passed by Hon'ble High Court and Hon'ble Supreme Court on 07.02.2023 and 03.03.2023 respectively.

Cases of 982 ASOs, presently working on ad-hoc basis are being processed for regularization through conduct of Assistant Grade Limited Departmental Competitive Examination (LDCE) as well as through seniority quota, subject to vacancies and eligibility. The dates for the LDCE have been notified and are scheduled to be held on 3rd September, 24th September and 14th October 2023.

Annexure: Ministry-wise details of ASOs working on Ad-hoc basis

Cadre	Total
Agriculture	39
CEA	17
Civil Aviation	14
Coal	6
Commerce	13
Consumer Affairs	3
Corporate Affairs	4
CS(RB)	5
Culture	13
DARPG	1
DC(PW)	1
Defence	45
DG - FS/CD	1
DONER	1
DoPT	13
DPIIT	21
Earth Sc	2
Education	32
Env. & Forests	17
Expenditure	93
Fertilizers	31
Food & PD	23
H&FW	35
Heavy Industries	4
HUA	33
I&B	66
ISCS	1
ISTM	1
Jal shakti (DWS)	2
JAL SHAKTI (WR)	44
Labour	53
Legal Affairs	13
Lokpal	1
MHA(P)	86

Cadre	Total
MINES	9
RE	4
MSME	18
NCRB	2
NDMA	3
NITI Aayog	7
NSCS	2
Petroleum and Natural Gas	10
PMO	10
Ports, Shipping and Waterways	6
Posts	13
POWER	7
RD	10
RGI	1
RTH	13
S&T	16
SJ&E	13
Skill Dev	2
SSC (CR)	2
SSC (ER)	1
SSC (MPR)	1
SSC (NER)	1
SSC (NR)	1
SSC(HQ)	1
SSC(KKR)	1
SSC(NR)	1
STEEL	11
Supply	10
Telecom	12
UPSC	49
Women and Child Development	3
Youth Affairs & Sports	8
Grand Total	982

