

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF EX-SERVICEMEN WELFARE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1801
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17th March, 2025

VACANCIES IN ZILA SAINIK BOARDS

1801 SHRI MANOJ KUMAR JHA:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that 530 officer posts remain vacant across Zila Sainik Boards (ZSBs) in the country, and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether State Government reservation policies are a major factor contributing to these vacancies, and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Central Government, including any special recruitment drives, to expedite the filling of these vacancies in consultation with State Governments?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI SANJAY SETH)

- (a): No, Sir. As per available records, a total of 133 officer posts are vacant across 414 Zila Sainik Boards (ZSBs) as of 31st December, 2024. The responsibility for filling these vacancies lies with the respective State/UT Governments, as these posts fall under their administrative and functional control.
- (b): The recruitment of the posts in ZSBs is governed by the respective State/UT Government rules, including any applicable reservation policies. Some State Governments have a reservation policy for these posts. No study regarding effect of reservation policy on status of vacancies in ZSBs has been conducted.
- (c): To accelerate the filling of vacancies, the Central Government has actively engaged with State and Union Territory (UT) Governments through multiple channels. This includes discussions and regular engagements at all appropriate levels with the State Governments/UT administrations/Rajya Sainik Boards (RSBs). These efforts have resulted in 65 officer posts being filled in Zila Sainik Boards (ZSBs) during the year 2024.
