

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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SHORTAGE OF STAFF IN PASSPORT OFFICES

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether there is a human resource shortage in Central Passport Organisation and regional passport offices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps Government is taking to fill the vacancies against sanctioned strength?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) to (c) As on on date, over 1000 posts out of total number of 2737 sanctioned posts are vacant in the Central Passport Organisation. The Ministry is taking appropriate measures for filling up the vacancies as per procedures. 447 vacancies in the grades of Office Assistant, Junior Passport Assistant, Assistant Superintendent, Stenographer and Junior Translation Officer have been reported to Staff Selection Commission (SSC) for filling up on Direct Recruitment basis for the Passport Offices. Out of these indents, SSC has recently declared results for appointments in the grade of Office Assistant, Junior Passport Assistant and Assistant Superintendent. Further, promotions through Departmental Promotion Committees (DPCs) and Limited Departmental Competitive Examination (LDCE) are being carried out in a timely manner.
