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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3886
ANSWERED ON 04/04/2025

STAGNATION OF BUDGET FOR APEDA

3886. SHRI R. GIRIRAJAN:

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) budget has been stagnant at ₹80 crore for many years and more than 15 positions are vacant and have not been filled so far, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has created new posts in APEDA, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government has any plan for the restructuring of APEDA, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) An amount of Rs. 405.02 Crores have been allocated by Government to APEDA, in the 15th Finance Commission Cycle (2021-22 to 2025-26). The total allocation has been apportioned in the five-year period, with yearly allocations being almost equally apportioned in the plan period, to ensure optimal and full utilization of funds.

A total of 24 posts (20 posts under Group-A and 04 posts under Group-B) are presently vacant in APEDA, on account of superannuation of personnel and revision of Recruitment Rules, are under the process of being filled up.

(b) Yes, government has created twenty new posts in APEDA in September 2022. The breakup and details of new posts is as under:

Name of the post	Group	Number of Posts
Deputy General Manager	A	02
Assistant General Manager	A	08
Assistant Manager	B	10
Total new posts created		20

(c) The Department of Commerce had undertaken a comprehensive review of the functioning of APEDA and had approved the restructuring report in respect of APEDA. The report included various recommendations which inter-alia included creation of posts at various levels, engagement of subject matter experts, re-designation, and merger of posts at the same pay-levels, opening of new regional offices of APEDA, etc.