GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1651 ANSWERED ON 04/08/2025

STATUS OF BACKLOG OF VACANCIES

1651. SMT. PRIYANKA CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of *Housing and Urban Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the status of backlog vacancies, which touched 774 at the beginning of this year, as published on 1st January, 2025;
- (b) whether Government has any reasoning for the number of unfilled vacancies for SC, ST, and OBC;
- (c) the reasons for the numerous vacant seats and the inaction on the part of the Ministry to fill them; and
- (d) whether the Ministry took any subsequent measures to cover this gap, if so, the details thereon?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (SHRI TOKHAN SAHU)

(a) : Yes.

(b) to (d): Occurrence and filling up of vacancies, along with backlog reserved vacancies, is a continuous process. The vacancies reserved for Scheduled Castes (SCs)/Scheduled Tribes (STs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) are filled up as per Government guidelines and man-power planning.

MoHUA has a dedicated Reservation Cell and Deputy Secretary/Director level Liaison Officers to ensure due compliance of the orders and instructions pertaining to reservation in service. As per the directions of Department of Personnel and Training, MoHUA has also constituted an in-house Committee to, inter-alia, review the status of backlog reserved vacancies.

As recruitment is a time-consuming process, there is generally a time-gap between occurrence of vacancies and filling up of such vacancies. The backlog of SC/ST/OBC vacancies, if any, due to non-availability of candidates or non-reporting of the selected candidates are included in the next year's recruitment process.

As reported by the Organisations under MoHUA, out of the 774 backlog reserved vacancies as on 01.01.2025, 124 backlog reserved vacancies have already been filled up.
