

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 26
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND DECEMBER, 2025

VACANCIES IN THE MINISTRY

26 **SMT. MAUSAM B NOOR:**

Will the Minister of *Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution* be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of sanctioned posts and the number of vacancies, including reserved posts across categories at the Ministry;
- (b) the number of vacancies in the Departments under the Ministry, including reserved posts since 2021, year-wise and category-wise; and
- (c) the number of contractual employees hired since 2021, year-wise and category-wise?

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MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. *26 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 02.12.2025 IN THE RAJYA SABHA

(a): The number of sanctioned posts in the Ministry is 755 and the number of vacancies in the Ministry is 165.

Vacancies **as on date** in reserved posts across categories for which Department of Food & Public Distribution (DFPD) and Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA) are the Cadre Controlling Authorities are placed at '**Annexure A**'.

(b): The number of vacancies since 2021 (**as on 1st January of that year**) year-wise and category-wise, in the two Departments i.e. Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD) and Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA) under the Ministry is placed at '**Annexure B**'.

(c): The number of contractual employees hired since 2021 is 65. Year-wise and category-wise details are placed at '**Annexure C**'.

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Annexure- A

The number of sanctioned posts in the Ministry is 755 and the number of vacancies in the ministry is 165. Vacancies in reserved posts across categories for which Department of Food & Public Distribution (DFPD) and Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA) are the Cadre Controlling Authorities, **as on date** is as under:

Departments under the ministry	Sanctioned posts	Vacancies	Category wise Vacancies for the posts for which Department is Cadre Controlling Authority						
		Total	Total	UR	SC	ST	OBC	EWS	PwBD
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
DFPD	544	110	50	32	6	5	7	0	0
DoCA	211	55	18	12	-	-	3	3	1
Total	755	165	68	44	6	5	10	3	1

Note: For the remaining vacancies (Column 3 – Column 4), the posts are to be filled by the Cadre Controlling Authorities, e.g. D/o Personnel & Training, D/o Expenditure, D/o Economic Affairs, D/o Official Language, M/o Statistics & Program Implementation, M/o of Railways.

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Annexure- B

The year-wise and category-wise details of vacancies in the Department of Food and Public Distribution and Department of Consumer Affairs under the Ministry since 2021 (as on 1st January of each year) are as below:

Departments under the Ministry	Year	Total vacancies	No. of Vacancies for the posts for which Department is Cadre Controlling Authority						
			Total	UR	SC	ST	OBC	EWS	PwBD
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
DFPD	2021	176	71	51	6	3	11	-	3
	2022	149	55	32	7	4	9	3	2
	2023	180	71	36	9	5	15	6	3
	2024	141	62	31	4	4	16	7	2
	2025	166	76	36	7	4	21	8	4
DoCA	2021	61	13	9	-	-	-	4	-
	2022	64	8	6	-	-	-	2	-
	2023	69	9	7	-	-	-	2	-
	2024	58	14	11	-	-	-	3	1
	2025	55	18	12	-	-	3	3	1

Note: For the remaining vacancies(Column 3 – Column 4), the posts are to be filled by the Cadre Controlling Authorities, e.g. D/o Personnel & Training, D/o Expenditure, D/o Economic Affairs, D/o Official Language, M/o Statistics & Program Implementation, M/o of Railways.

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Annexure- C

The year-wise and category-wise details of 65 contractual employees hired since 2021 is as below:

Departments under the Ministry	Year	No. of Contractual employees hired	Category wise details			
			UR	OBC	SC	ST
DFPD	2021	2	1		1	
	2022	7	4	1	1	1
	2023	7	4	1	1	1
	2024	6	4		1	1
	2025	4	3		1	
DoCA	2021	1	1	-	-	-
	2022	9	9	-	-	-
	2023	13	13	-	-	-
	2024	10	8	1	-	1
	2025	6	5	1	-	-
Total		65	52	4	5	4
