

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 789
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05/12/2025

VACANCIES IN MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

789 Shri Samirul Islam:

Will the Minister of Rural Development be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of sanctioned posts, in position and the number of vacancies, including reserved posts across categories in the Ministry;
- (b) the number of vacancies in the Ministry and Department, including reserved posts since 2020, the details thereof, year-wise and category-wise; and
- (c) the number of contractual employees hired since 2020, the details thereof, year wise and category wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI KAMLESH PASWAN)

(a) & (b): This Ministry comprises of two Departments, viz. Department of Rural Development (DoRD) and Department of Land Resources (DoLR).

Occurrence and filling up of vacant posts in the Ministry is a continuous process. The overall number of sanctioned posts, in-position, and the number of vacancies, including reserved posts in respect of Cadre posts and ex-Cadre posts in the Ministry of Rural Development, Department-wise, as on 01.12.2025, are as under:

Department	Sanctioned Strength	In-Position	Schedule Caste (SC)	Schedule Tribe (ST)	Other Backward Class (OBC)	Economically Weaker Section (EWS)	Unreserved (UR)	Vacancies
Rural Development	487	380	61	30	111	12	166	107
Land Resources	122	82	10	07	16	1	48	40
Total	609	462	71	37	127	13	214	147

Vacancies related to Cadre posts are filled by the concerned Cadre Controlling Authorities, viz., Department of Personnel and Training, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, etc. The year-wise and category-wise vacancies of these cadre posts are maintained in the respective Ministry and not in this Ministry. However, ex-cadre posts are filled up by this Ministry and their category-wise vacancies are also maintained in the Ministry. Year-wise and Category-wise vacancy position in respect of ex-

Cadre posts (2020–2025) in DoRD and DoLR are given below separately. Vacancies shown against UR are inclusive of posts to be filled up on deputation basis also, where no reservation policy applies.

DoRD

Year	SC	ST	OBC	EWS	UR	Total
2020	3	1	3	2	27	36
2021	2	1	3	2	31	39
2022	4	1	3	1	20	29
2023	2	1	4	1	21	29
2024	4	5	10	6	31	56
2025	4	5	10	4	13	36

DoLR

Year	SC	ST	OBC	EWS	UR	Total
2020	0	0	0	0	2	2
2021	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	1	0	1	0	6	8
2023	1	1	0	0	1	3
2024	0	0	1	0	0	1
2025	0	0	0	0	0	0

(c): The Ministry does not maintain category-wise details in respect of contractual employees. The services of contractual employees are provided by the contractors who are selected through the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) complying with the provisions of the General Financial Rules (GFR) and other extant instructions. Year-wise number of contractual employees engaged by the Ministry, Department wise, as on 1st December of the respective year is as under:-

Year	DoRD	DoLR
2020	118	53
2021	167	55
2022	156	76
2023	172	77
2024	164	78
2025	166	78
