

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
(DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL & TRAINING)

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1571
(ANSWERED ON 12.02.2026)

LATERAL ENTRY

1571. SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN:

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Ministries in which officers have been recruited through lateral entry during the last five years;
- (b) the post-wise details of the officers recruited through lateral entry;
- (c) the posts abolished during the last five years, Ministry-wise; and
- (d) whether it is a fact that reservation policies are not followed in recruitments under the lateral entry?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE
(DR. JITENDRA SINGH)**

(a) to (d): So far 63 appointments have been made at the level of Joint Secretary/ Director/ Deputy Secretary on contract/deputation basis in various Government Departments through lateral entry since 2018 (Details in **Annexure**). These appointments have been made for specific assignments, keeping in view their specialized knowledge and expertise in the domain area. Since, each of these appointments has been made against single post cadre, accordingly, in view of the Hon'ble Supreme Court judgement in the case titled '*PGIMER, Chandigarh Vs. Faculty Association and Ors*' category wise data of the appointed officers has not been maintained. No posts have been abolished during the last five years.

Details of Lateral Entrants since 2018:

S.No.	Ministry/Department		Lateral Entrants
1.	Ministry of Commerce	Department of Commerce	Joint Secretary -2 Director-1
		Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade	Director-2
2.	Ministry of Civil Aviation		Joint Secretary-2
3.	Ministry of Finance	Department of Financial Services	Joint Secretary-2 Director-3
		Department of Economic Affairs	Joint Secretary-1 Director-3
		Department of Revenue	Joint Secretary -1
4.	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change		Joint Secretary-1 Deputy Secretary-1
5.	Ministry of New and Renewable Energy		Joint Secretary-1
6.	Ministry of Road Transport and Highways		Joint Secretary-1 Director-1
7.	Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways		Joint Secretary-1 Deputy Secretary-1
8.	Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare		Joint Secretary-1 Director-3
9.	Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship		Director-1
10.	Ministry of Health & Family Welfare		Director-2
			Deputy Secretary-1
11.	Ministry of Jal Shakti		Director-1
12.	Ministry of Education	Department of Higher Education	Director-1
			Deputy Secretary-1

		Department of School Education & Literacy	Director-3 Deputy Secretary-1
13.	Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Department of Food and Public Distribution		Director-2
14.	Ministry of Law and Justice, Department of Legal Affairs		Joint Secretary-1 Director-2
15.	Ministry of Power		Director-2 Deputy Secretary-1
16.	Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation		Director-2 Deputy Secretary-4
17.	Ministry of Heavy Industries		Deputy Secretary-3
18.	Ministry of Corporate Affairs		Deputy Secretary-1
19.	Ministry of Steel		Deputy Secretary-1
20.	Ministry of Mines		Deputy Secretary-1
21.	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs		Director-1
22.	Ministry of Rural Development		Director-1
23.	Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers	Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals	Director-1
		Department of Pharmaceuticals	Director-1
