

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2318**  
ANSWERED ON 12/03/2026

**VACANCIES IN INDIAN FOREIGN SERVICE**

2318. DR. JOHN BRITTAS

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the sanctioned strength and the number of vacancies in the Indian Foreign Service (IFS), as on date;
- (b) the number and representation of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes in the Service, category-wise, as on date; and
- (c) the details of officers appointed to the Service during the last five years, year-wise and category-wise (General, SC, ST, OBC and EWS)?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA)

- (a) As on 01 January 2026, the total sanctioned strength of the Indian Foreign Service is 1224 out of which 1025 officers are in position.
- (b) As on date, there are 214 OBC, 131 SC and 68 ST category officers in the Indian Foreign Service.
- (c) Total number of officers appointed to Indian Foreign Service during the last five years, year-wise and category-wise (General, SC, ST, OBC and EWS) is as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>OBC</b>	<b>SC</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>EWS</b>	<b>Total</b>
2021	12	12	05	03	03	<b>35</b>
2022	13	09	06	03	05	<b>36</b>
2023	13	11	07	01	04	<b>36</b>
2024	14	10	04	01	04	<b>33</b>
2025	21	11	08	06	06	<b>52</b>
Total	73	53	30	14	22	<b>192</b>

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