

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 419
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD FEBRUARY, 2026**

VACANCIES IN MINISTRY

**419. SHRI SHUKHENDU SEKHAR RAY:
SHRI PRAKSAH CHIK BARAIK:**

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** 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, including reserved posts since 2020-21, year-wise and category-wise; and
- (c) the number of contractual employees hired since 2020-21, year-wise and category-wise?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

- (a) The number of sanctioned posts, in position and the number of vacancies, including reserved posts across categories in the Ministry are as under:

Sanctioned strength	In position	Vacancy	Sanctioned Strength Category Wise*					
			UR	OBC	SC	ST	EWS	PwBD
6342	4600	1742	2260	1329	732	347	475	11

- (b) The number of vacancies in the Ministry, including reserved posts since 2020-21, year-

wise and category-wise are as under:

Year	Total Vacancy	Vacancy Category Wise*					
		UR	OBC	SC	ST	EWS	PwBD
2020-21	771	276	209	38	20	46	23
2021-22	703	204	190	11	7	26	17
2022-23	855	223	226	24	14	30	16
2023-24	1423	489	407	86	33	69	56
2024-25	807	457	92	77	31	54	23

(c) The number of contractual employees hired since 2020-21, year-wise are as under:

Year	Total contractual employees hired (Retired Central Government Employees as consultants)
2020-21	7
2021-22	17
2022-23	18
2023-24	17

* The data pertains to Department of Health and Family Welfare (DoHFW) and Central Health Services. Category-wise sanctioned strength and vacancies is maintained only for the posts under direct control of DoHFW. The remaining posts pertain to various Centralised Cadres such as Central Secretariat Service (CSS), Indian Economic Service (IES), Indian Statistical Service (ISS), Subordinate Statistical Service (SSS) Indian Information Service (IIS), Indian Cost Accounts Service (ICo&AS), etc., for which cadre management is handled by respective Cadre Controlling Authorities, viz. Department of Personnel & Training, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, Ministry of Home Affairs etc. Accordingly, category-wise data in respect of such posts is not maintained in DoHFW.
