

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2365  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER, 2019**

**SHORTAGE OF OFFICERS AND STAFF IN FCI**

**†2365. SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:**

**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is a huge shortage of officers and staff in Food Corporation of India (FCI);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken by the Government to meet this shortage;
- (c) whether the FCI proposes to containerize its transport of foodgrains; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the benefits likely to accrue from it?

**A N S W E R  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD &  
PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
(SHRI DANVE RAOSAHEB DADARAO)**

(a) & (b): As on 30.09.2019, there are 21181 personnel posted against sanctioned strength of 42038 in FCI. The category-wise details is as follows:

Category	As on 30.09.2019		
	Sanctioned Strength	In position	Vacancy
Category I	1111	855	256
Category II	6221	4232	1989
Category III	27345	13454	13891
Category IV	7361	2640	4721
Total	42038	21181	20857

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**During last 05 years, 5494 vacancies have been filled in FCI for Cat-I, II and III Officers/officials.**

**For the post of Watchman (cat-IV), 984 candidates have joined against the 3491 vacancies advertised as below:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Candidates Joined</b>
<b>2017-18</b>	<b>271</b>
<b>2018-19</b>	<b>475</b>
<b>2019-20 (up to 31.10.2019)</b>	<b>238</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>984</b>

**Further, in year 2019, advertisement for Cat-II & III was published on 28.09.2019 & 23.02.2019 where 330 vacancies and 4103 vacancies were advertised respectively.**

**(c): FCI is already moving food grains by container through CONCOR where ever found economical as compared to the rail movement.**

**(d): Details of container movement during last three years are as follows:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Container rakes moved</b>	<b>Financial Savings (in Rs.)</b>
<b>2016-17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>44 lakhs</b>
<b>2017-18</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>662 lakhs</b>
<b>2018-19</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>796 lakhs</b>
<b>2019-20 (up to Oct'19)</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>424 lakhs</b>

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