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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3747 (TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2019)

DELAY IN RECRUITMENT PROCESS

3747. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

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

- (a) whether there has been a delay in conducting the recruitment process for various Ministries/Departments in Grades B and C;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the reasons for the said delay; and
- (c) the other steps taken by the Government to accelerate the recruitment process for various Ministries/ Departments?

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) & (b): Pursuant to allegations of cheating and leakage of question papers of Combined Graduate Level (Tier-II) Examination 2017 conducted by the Staff Selection Commission (SSC) from 17th to 22nd February, 2018 and Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP(C) No. 234/2019 - Shantanu Kumar and others Vs. Union of India and others, vide judgement dated 31.08.2018, putting an injunction restraining the SSC from declaring the result of (i) Combined Graduate Level Examination, 2017 and (ii) Combined Higher Secondary Level Examination, 2017, no computer based online examinations could be conducted by the SSC during March, 2018 till December, 2018. The said injunction was vacated vide order dated 09.05.2019. The Computer based online examinations of the Commission are now being conducted regularly since January, 2019.

(c): Based on the vacancies reported by the user Departments, the Staff Selection Commission (SSC) has started recruitment process to fill up 1,05,338 posts during the year 2019 and 2020. During 2017-18, Centralized Employment Notifications (CENs) for 1,27,573 combined vacancies of various Group 'C' and Level-1 posts were notified by the Ministry of Railways - for new and future vacancies to arise in two years time. Another five CENs covering 1,56,138 vacancies of various Group 'C' and Level-1 posts were issued in 2018-19. The Department of Posts have also conducted examination/notified to fill up 19,522 vacancies, other than those to be filled up through SSC, in various grades. Thus, recruitment process to fill up 4,08,591 vacancies by just three agencies i.e. SSC, Ministry of Railways and Department of Posts, is in progress.

Besides, the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) has issued instructions vide Office Memorandum (OM) Number 39020/18/2016-Estt(B) dated 19.12.2016 for timely and advance action in filling up of the Direct Recruitment vacancies.