

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4706
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2021**

VACANCIES OF STATISTICAL OFFICERS

4706. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether different Ministries including Finance and Health have asked his Ministry to collect health related data for better management and to frame policies with regard to health especially keeping in view the preparedness of health related policies in the wake of the recent pandemic;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the recommendations made by different Ministries in this regard;

(d) whether there are a large number of vacancies in the grade of statistical officers in order to start such survey and collect data; and

(e) if so, the steps taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) to (c): National Statistical Office (NSO) takes up socio-economic survey on different subjects based on the requests of various Ministries including health. The last survey on Health was conducted by NSO during July, 2017 -June, 2018 and the report of

the same has been published which is available at www.mospi.gov.in

(d) & (e): Yes, all efforts are being made to ensure that there is no vacancy at the level of Senior Statistical Officer (SSO) and Junior Statistical Officer (JSO) of Subordinate Statistical Service (SSS). The Posts of SSOs are filled through promotion from the post of JSO. During 2020, the promotion to SSO from JSO have been processed for the entire panel year of 2020, keeping in view the expected vacancies that may arise at the level of SSOs in 2020. The JSOs are recruited through the Combined Graduate Level Examination conducted by the Staff Selection Commission. However, the shortage of Statistical Officers of various surveys is met by hiring contractual staff i.e. Field Investigators, Field Officers and Consultants.