

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 204
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2025

Vacancies of IFS in Maharashtra

204*. SMT. DHANORKAR PRATIBHA SURESH

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of sanctioned and vacant Indian Forest Service (IFS) cadre posts in the Forest Department of Maharashtra;
- (b) the time since when the said posts are lying vacant and the steps taken by the Government to fill these posts;
- (c) the number of IFS officers currently awaiting posting in Maharashtra and the reasons for delay in their posting;
- (d) the impact of non-posting of such officers on the forest administration and conservation efforts in the State; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) in respect of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 204 to be answered on 04.08.2025 regarding ‘Vacancies of IFS in Maharashtra’ asked by Smt. Dhanorkar Pratibha Suresh.

(a) The total number of sanctioned cadre strength of Indian Forest Service (IFS) officers in the State of Maharashtra is 206, which includes central deputation reserve, state deputation reserve, leave reserve, promotion posts etc. Out of these, the details regarding the number of sanctioned cadre post and the vacancies in the cadre posts of IFS officers in the State of Maharashtra are detailed below:-

Sanctioned cadre posts	Persons in position against cadre posts	Vacancy in the cadre posts
126	112	14

(b) The details regarding the 14 vacant posts are placed at **Annexure-I**. As per the information received from the State Government of Maharashtra, the vacant posts have been assigned to other officers in addition to their existing duties. The vacancies against direct recruitment quota are filled up through the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) on the basis of the Indian Forest Service Examination conducted, each year. Similarly, the vacancies against the promotion quota for induction of State Forest Service officers into Indian Forest Service are also undertaken with concurrence of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC). Further, five IFS Officers of 2023 batch of Maharashtra cadre have been relieved to join the State during August 2025, upon completion of training at the Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA), Dehradun.

(c) to (e) As per information received from the Government of Maharashtra, presently, no IFS officers are awaiting posting in the State of Maharashtra.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.204 due for answer on 04.08.2025 asked by Smt. Dhanorkar Pratibha Suresh regarding 'Vacancies of IFS in Maharashtra'		
Details of the vacant cadre posts of IFS officers in the State of Maharashtra		
Sl	Name of the Post	Vacant since
1	APCCF (Wildlife), East Nagpur	19-07-2023
2	APCCF (Personnel), Nagpur	13-03-2024
3	APCCF (Information, Technology and Policy), Nagpur	28-06-2023
4	APCCF (Budget, Planning and Development), Nagpur	21-07-2025
5	APCCF (Research, Education and Training) and Director, Chandrapur	18-07-2025
6	Managing Director, Maharashtra State Eco-tourism Development Board, Nagpur (CCF)	01-12-2018
7	Managing Director, Maharashtra Bamboo	23-03-2024
8	CCF (Working Plan), West Pune	01-05-2024
9	CCF (Territorial), Kolhapur	26-06-2025
10	CCF (Land records), Nagpur	12-02-2025
11	CCF & FD, Pench Tiger Reserve, Nagpur	17-07-2025
12	CF (Working Plan), Nashik	03-07-2023
13	DCF (Working Plan), Yavatmal	19-04-2024
14	DCF (Working Plan), Chandrapur	17-07-2025