

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3930
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2026**

APPOINTMENT TO SC/ST AND OBCs THROUGH LATERAL ENTRY

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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of appointments made through lateral entry to various civil services/posts under the Central Government during the last ten years;
- (b) the details of these appointments year and Ministry/Department-wise;
- (c) the number of candidates belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBC), Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) categories out of the total officers appointed through lateral entry;
- (d) whether the Government has laid down any policy or guidelines to ensure reservation and social representation in the lateral entry process, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government is taking any steps to make this process more transparent and inclusive, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)**

(a) to (e): So far 63 appointments have been made through lateral entry at the level of Joint Secretary/Director/Deputy Secretary on contract/deputation basis into various Ministries/Departments of the Government of India since 2018. A statement indicating year-wise and Ministry/Department-wise appointments is placed at **Annexure**. These appointments have been made for specific assignments keeping in view the specialised knowledge and domain expertise of the selected candidates. Since, each of these appointments has been made against single post cadre and accordingly in view of the Hon'ble Supreme Court judgement in the case titled "PGIMER, Chandigarh Vs. Faculty Association and Ors" category wise data of the appointed officers has not been maintained. The selection was undertaken by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) in transparent manner by inviting application through open advertisement.

Annexure

List of candidates recruited by Lateral Entry in year 2019(total 8):

S. No.	Ministry/ Department	Post
1	Ministry of Civil Aviation	Joint Secretary-1
2	Economic Affairs	Joint Secretary-1
3	Environment, Forest and Climate Change	Joint Secretary-1
4	Financial Services	Joint Secretary-1
5	New and Renewable Energy	Joint Secretary-1
6	Road Transport and Highways	Joint Secretary-1
7	Ports, Shipping and Waterways	Joint Secretary-1
8	Department of Gommerce	Joint Secretary-1

List of candidates recruited by Lateral Entry in year 2021 (total 30):

S.No.	Ministry/Department	Post
1	Revenue	Joint Secretary -1
2	Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	Joint Secretary -1 Director -1
3	Department of Commerce	Joint Secretary-1 Director 1
4	Skill Development & Entrepreneurship	Director 1
5	Health & Family Welfare	Director -1
b	Jal Shakti	Director -1
7	Higher Education	Director —1
8	Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade	Director -1
9	School Education & Literacy	Director-2 Deputy Secretary- 1
10	Economic Affairs	Director-3
11	Food & Public Distribution	Director -1
12	Legal Affairs	Director-2
13	Financial Services	Director-2
14	Road Transport & Highways	Director —1
15	Ports, Shipping and Waterways	Deputy Secretary - 1
16	Power	Deputy Secretary -1
17	Statistics and Programme Implementation	Deputy Secretary - 1
18	Heavy Industry	Deputy Secretary-1
19	Corporate Affairs	Deputy Secretary-1
20	Steel	Deputy Secretary-1
21	Mines	Deputy Secretary-1
22	Environment, Forest and Climate Change	Deputy Secretary-1

List of candidates recruited through Lateral Entry 2023 (total 25):

S.No.	Ministry/ Department	Post
1	Ministry of Civil Aviation	Joint Secretary-1
2	Department of Legal Affairs	Joint Secretary-1
3	Department of Financial Services	Joint Secretary-1 Director-1
	Department of Food and Public Distribution	Director-1
5	Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade	Director-1
6	Ministry of Power	Director-2
7	Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare	Director-2
8	Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation	Director-2 Deputy Secretary-3
9	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs	Director-1
10	Department of School Education & Literacy	Director-1
11	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare	Director-1 Deputy Secretary-1
12	Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Rural Development	Director-1
13	Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals	Director-1
14	Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers	Director-1
15	Department of Higher Education	Deputy Secretary-1
16	Ministry of Heavy Industries	Deputy Secretary-2
