

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4197
ANSWERED ON 18/03/2026**

VACANCIES IN MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

4197. SMT. BAG MITALI:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of number of sanctioned posts in position and the number of vacancies, including reserved posts across categories at the Ministry of Science and Technology;**
- (b) the number of vacancies in the Ministry, Departments and organisations under it, including reserved posts since 2014, year and category-wise details; and**
- (c) the details of number of contractual employees hired since 2014, year and category-wise?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES
(DR. JITENDRA SINGH)**

(a) to (c): The sanctioned posts in position and the number of vacancies, including reserved posts across categories in the Ministry of Science and Technology comprising Department of Science and Technology, Department of Biotechnology and Department of Scientific and Industrial Research and their attached/ subordinate offices, statutory bodies, autonomous bodies etc. as on 01.03.2026 are 26,380 and 8,602, respectively. The reservation policy of Government of India is strictly followed in all the Departments and organisations under the Ministry of Science and Technology. Filling up of vacancies is a continuous process and the posts are being filled as and when vacancies arise, strictly as per Government of India guidelines. Contractual employees are outsourced as per day to day functional requirements and as per Government of India policies, as amended from time to time. Therefore, their numbers varies across organisations and within a particular year.
