

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4285
(ANSWERED ON 18.03.2026)

POSTS FILLED THROUGH LATERAL ENTRY

#4285. SHRI RAJKUMAR ROAT:

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

- (a) the details of the total number of posts filled through Lateral Entry so far for various positions including Deputy Secretary, Directors and Joint Secretaries across different Ministries/Departments, State, name, year and category-wise;
- (b) the details of the number of individuals belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Minority communities appointed under the said Lateral Entry process, State and category-wise; and
- (c) the date since when the system of Lateral Entry came into existence in the country and the details of the underlying basis for the same?

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) to (c): So far 63 appointments have been made at the level of Joint Secretary/ Director /Deputy Secretary on contract/deputation basis into various Government Departments through lateral entry since 2018. A statement indicating name, year-wise & Ministries/Department-wise appointment is at **Annexure**. These appointments have been made for specific assignments, keeping in view their specialized knowledge and expertise in the domain area. 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.

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 Commerce	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
6	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 by Lateral Entry in year 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
4	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,	Director-1

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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
