

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 5584
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27th MARCH, 2026

CONTRACTUAL EMPLOYEES IN DPSUs AND ORDNANCE FACTORIES

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of contractual employees currently working in Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) and Ordnance Factory units, category-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has details of such contractual employees who were previously working in permanent positions in Ordnance Factory units and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that contractual employees working in hazardous production units do not have adequate access to medical facilities, risk allowance, casual leave and promotion opportunities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken by the Government to improve the welfare and service conditions of these employees; and
- (e) the details of sanctioned posts, filled posts and vacant posts in DPSUs during the last ten years, year-wise?

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- (a) The total number of contractual employees (Fixed term) working in Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) including the 07 New DPSUs carved out from erstwhile OFB are 11,863 as on 13.03.2026.
- (b) There are no such contractual employees who were previously working in permanent position in Ordnance Factory units as erstwhile Ordnance Factory Board ceased to exist with effect from 01.10.2021.
- (c) & (d) Contractual employees working in hazardous production units receive employment benefits such as medical leave, casual leave, risk allowance etc. as per extant Government Rules & Guidelines in this regard.

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(e) The year-wise details of sanctioned posts, filled posts and vacant posts in DPSUs during the last ten years are as under:

DPSUs	Year (As on 31 st March)	Sanctioned posts	Filled posts	Vacant posts
09 Old DPSUs	2016	69251	63660	5591
	2017	67149	61303	5846
	2018	65490	59304	6186
	2019	59638	56953	2685
	2020	57381	54292	3089
	2021	55054	51791	3263
	2022	52738	49345	3393
	2023	51171	47408	3763
	2024	49894	46197	3697
	2025	48350	44844	3506

DPSUs	Year	Sanctioned posts	Remarks
07 New DPSUs	2025-26(As on 28.08.2025)	58903	Subsequent to corporatization of OFB, 07 New DPSUs (MIL, AVNL, AWEIL, YIL, IOL, TCL, GIL) started functioning w.e.f 01.10.2021. Central Government employees of erstwhile OFB are posted in these DPSUs on deemed deputation basis. Hence, no vacancies ascertains at this stage
