

In five years JKPSC fills only 2,312 of 5,775 posts

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The Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission (JKPSC) is marred by a slow recruitment process and has filled less than half of the posts referred to it in the past five years, official data revealed.

From 2011 till date, 5,775 posts for 23 state government departments were referred to the commission, the data made available by the state government in the Legislative Assembly on Friday revealed. No post for 14 government departments has been referred to the PSC during this time.

However, the commission filled only 2,312 posts during the last six years, leaving behind a pendency of more than 50 per cent.

Overcoming the slow recruitment process remains a major challenge before the state government, which has vowed to fast track the selection processes.

Jobs in the government sector remain a preferred choice for many youth in the state as they provide stability in the region which has a volatile private job market. However, the recruitment process has remained slow and posts advertised years ago are still awaiting selection.

The data reveals that the highest number of 2,250 posts were referred to the PSC in 2014, followed by 1,271 in 2013, 454 in 2012, 509 in 2011 and 1,252 this year so far. Only 39 posts were referred to the PSC last year.

The departments leading the referral of posts to the PSC in the last six years are the Health and Medical Education with 1,751 posts, Higher Education with 1,741 posts and the School Education with 1,059 posts. The three departments account for nearly 80 per cent of the total posts referred to the PSC in the last six years.

The maximum number of 1,397 posts filled by the PSC in the last six years are from the Health and Medical Education Department which account for more than 50 per cent of the total posts filled by the PSC since 2011. Of the 37 government departments, the PSC has made recruitment for only 16 departments, the data revealed.