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### **Centre urged to fill up vacancies in DoP of Maharashtra, Goa**

With several top positions lying vacant in the headquarters of Maharashtra and Goa circle of the Department of Post, a Mumbai-based industry body has urged the Centre to fill up the vacancies immediately.

At present, the top most position of Chief Post Master General (CPMG), its deputy Post Master General (PMG) as well as the Directors of the Postal Services of Mumbai, Nagpur and Aurangabad are lying vacant since months in the Maharashtra and Goa circle.

The Bharat Merchant Chamber, which is the premier body of textile merchandisers in the megapolis, has penned a letter to Union telecom minister Manoj Sinha, apprising him of the situation.

It has also urged the minister to immediately fill up these positions, especially the ones at the iconic General Post Office in Mumbai.

“Since these major posts are lying vacant, not only the deliveries of the postal articles are adversely hampered, but we found that officers and employees feel sorry over the discarded attitude of the government,” claimed Chamber’s trustee Rajiv Singal.

“Nobody knows whom to approach for lodging grievances against the erring employees,” he added. As per the letter, dispatched by Chandrakishor Poddar, the President of 56-year-old chamber, they came to know that CPMG Ashok Dash has been transferred and no one has replaced him.

“Additionally, the post of Post Master General and Directors of several postal services are also lying vacant since so long,” reads the letter.

“Mumbai being the financial capital of the country, can not be overlooked. This (vacancies) is creating problems in the deliveries and if continues, it would result in crumbling down of the Postal system as a whole,” it added. Confirming the top most posts are lying vacant, a senior officer said, “Yes, posts are lying vacant, which has subsequently, left other officers overburdened.” As per the official, the appointment of the CPMG has been cleared.