

Jammu & Kashmir Recruitments, Selection Process through PSC, SSB

Confronted with paucity of jobs, unemployment problem is proving a bliss for the Jammu and Kashmir government as it has collected Rs 83 crore as recruitment process fee from tens of thousands of unemployed youth who applied for different posts in various departments.

The State government in a written reply to a question of MLCs, Naresh Kumar Gupta, Vibod Gupta and Ashok Khajuria, seeking details about the amount generated by the appointing agencies out of recruitment process, has revealed that recruiting government agencies namely Service Selection Board (SSB), Public Service Commission (PSC) and Police Recruitment Agency (PRA) have so far collectively earned Rs 83 crore from lakhs of job aspirants.

As per figures doled out by the government, the SSB is leading the pack as till now the Board has earned Rs 72.76 crore as fees from the job seekers, followed by PSC which pocketed Rs 6.78 crore, while PRA has collected Rs 3.62 crore.

The reply reveals that there are 12,181 posts pending for selection with the SSB and 2175 with PSC.

Further the government in its response has stated that SSB till now has made selection of 40,674 persons, PSC 1410 and PRA that of 98.

The government has failed to quantify the magnitude of unemployment with State's Finance Minister last month announcing that the government would carry out "unemployment census" to head-count unemployed people in the state.

"The PSC gets its account audited on annual basis and the last audit was conducted upto January 2016 by the Accountant General. The expenditure incurred on this account related to conduct of examination/interview. The accounts of SSRB and PRA have been regularly audited by the Audit wings of Accountant General and State Audit and Inspection Department. The expenditure incurred by SSRB is 52 crore, PSC 2 crore and that by Police Recruitment Board 1.67 crore," the government response states.

To another query about number of posts referred by the government to the recruitment boards/agencies, the government reply states that from

2014-16, as many as 7449 posts were referred to SSB while during the same period 19,310 selections were made.

“Similarly, in last three years, government had referred 3541 posts to the PSC, while the Commission made selection for 1417 posts. District Recruitment Boards had been referred 5942 posts, of which 2275 selections were made. The police department has appointed 98 Prosecuting Officers for the last year on the basis of recommendations of the PRB.”