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Respite likely for 540 on PSC rank list

The Public Service Commission is planning to issue appointment advice to the first batch of candidates selected for the university assistants' posts at the earliest.

The commission meeting on Monday is expected to clear the first list of 540 candidates from the main and supplementary lists comprising 17,000 candidates. Candidates would get the advice memo within a few days. Commission sources told The Hindu here that the rank lists of computer assistants would be published soon.

13 universities

Authorities of all the 13 universities are reported to be reluctant to respond to repeated requests to provide details of vacant posts. This, in spite of the fact that 17,000 candidates who figure on the rank lists are waiting for their turn for appointment.

The commission restricted the selection to university assistant and computer assistant posts since the government had issued notifications only for these posts. The previous government, just before demitting office, had proposed to fill the assistant vacancies from the list of Secretariat Assistants' posts, but had to give up the attempt in the wake of allegations and also because of the PSC's firm stance that the first batch should be recruited from a fresh list.

The commission also offered to complete the selection process within a specific timeframe.

On getting the go-ahead, all procedures, ranging from notification of posts to publication of rank lists, were completed within 103 days. Even now, the government has not fixed the qualification for selection to a large number of posts in the universities.

All such posts are now being filled with temporary staff selected at the behest of the appointing authorities or the heads of departments. Unless the government takes a firm decision to identify the posts and fix their qualification for selection, the university authorities too would continue

to have their nominees in such posts as temporary or contract employees, sources said.