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Govt to recruit rangers through MPPSC

Due to acute shortage of Rangers in the field, the conservation of forests is become difficult. It is the reason why the State Government has decided to recruit about 700 posts of Rangers through the Madhya Pradesh Public Service Commission (MPPSC). Earlier, there were 1200 rangers, later the number reduced to 750 and now there are two third of it.

Every year, more than 60 Rangers retire from service. Due to shortage of Rangers, there is problem of forest conservation and protection of wildlife animals. The poaching in national parks and tiger reserves has increased in the past only due to improper monitoring of these areas by the employees and officers.

Rangers go to dense forests to check wood thefts, poaching and other illegal activities in forest areas. According to sources, the proposal of Rangers' recruitment was sent to Madhya Pradesh Public Service Commission. But the Commission has not yet advertised these posts and conduct examinations for it.

About two years ago, 200 posts of Rangers were filled up but it were filled up through the Professional Examination Board (PEB). One Ranger has additional charge of other in some parts of the State due to shortage. While the Forest Department has got some Rangers through promotion of Deputy Rangers on the posts of Rangers. The promotions of the Deputy Rangers were pending for the last some years.

Number of posts are filled up by the Forest Department through promotion and at some percentage of Rangers' posts are filled up through the direct recruitment. It is the reason why about 700 posts of Rangers have been sent to the Public Service Commission for recruitment. When contacted, Animesh Shukla, Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (PCCF), admitted shortage of Rangers in State. We have sent number of posts of Rangers to Madhya Pradesh Public Service Commission for recruitment.