

Over 9 lakh members apply for 14,000 constables in MP

BHOPAL: Over nine lakh aspirants, including those with PhD, post graduate and engineering degrees, have applied for the post of about 14,000 police constables in Madhya Pradesh.

Of the 9.24 lakh candidates, 1.19 lakh are graduates, 14,562 are post graduates, 9,629 engineers and 12 with Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD), according to the data of Madhya Pradesh Professional Examination Board (MPPEB), which will conduct the examination.

The minimum qualification for the post is Higher Secondary.

"There are candidates with PhD and engineering degrees who have applied for the post," said Bhaskar Lakshakar, Director, MPPEB.

He said the examination is scheduled to be held on July 17.

"Our job is to conduct the examination. The analysis of the profile of applicants is beyond our mandate," Bhaskar said when asked to elaborate on the profile of these degree holders.

Over five lakh youth, who have passed Higher Secondary or Class XII, are also among the applicants. There are 3,438 diploma holders too.

There are about 2.58 lakh aspirants, belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, who have passed classes VIII and above as eligibility criteria for them is low.

The post offers a salary in the pay band of Rs 5,200 to Rs 20,200 with an additional grade pay of Rs 1,900 per month.

It is not for the first time that people with PhD degrees or engineers are applying for government job. Last year too, out of the over 6.1 lakh candidates who had applied for the post of forest guard (Vanrakshak), more than 12,000 were engineers.

Over 1.17 lakh graduates, 23,416 post graduates and 34 with PhD degrees had applied for the post of forest guards.

There were 3.35 lakh Higher Secondary and 1.17 lakh High School qualified aspirants for the post, as per the MPPEB data.