

Govt creates new posts but existing ones still vacant

Good plans with bad planning do not yield desired results. This is what appears to be the case with the State Government's decision to create new posts for Caste Certificate Scrutiny Verification Committees (CCSVC) in each of the districts in Maharashtra. For, though the Government plans to create 115 new posts, the fact is that many of its existing posts are vacant. Social Justice and Special Assistance Department issued a Government Resolution (GR) regarding creation of new posts for CCSVC.

As per the GR, of a total 312 existing posts, 76 are to be abolished and 115 to be created newly. Thus, with revision in the existing staffing pattern, there will be total 351 posts for CCSVCs across the State. Interestingly, as per the new scheme of things, the only post of Office Superintendent at Chandrapur CCSVC is proposed to be abolished. Further, nine posts of Junior Clerks, nine posts of peons, six of Police Inspectors are proposed to be abolished.

The GR states that all 15 posts of Deputy Superintendent of Police (DySP), all 18 posts of Head Clerk, all seven posts of driver, and all 11 posts of Public Relations Officer on contractual basis will be abolished. But, the Government argument is that the posts not required with CCSVC are being abolished and those required are being created newly or increased in numbers. For instance, among the new posts 36 of police constables are being created. Though the Government plans to create new posts for CCSVCs across Maharashtra, official data for various divisions shows that as many as 79 posts out of total 221 posts sanctioned are vacant.

Shockingly, though there are 15 posts of Chairpersons of CCSVC sanctioned in State, as many as eight are vacant. And, the Government plans to create six new posts of Chairpersons. Besides, of a total 15 posts sanctioned as of now, five of Research Officer and Member Secretary are vacant. The Government plans to create six new posts in this category too. Of existing 45 posts of peons, 23 are vacant.

Vidarbha region is hit the worst by vacancies. Vidarbha has various divisions of CCSVC namely Nagpur (three), Akola (two), Chandrapur (two), and Amravati (one). Of these, one post of Chairperson is sanctioned for Amravati-I, Akola-II, Nagpur-I and III, and Chandrapur-II committees. And, of these five sanctioned posts, as many as four are vacant. Besides, three out of five posts of Member Secretary sanctioned are vacant. Six out of 10 posts of Senior Division Stenographer, five out of 11 posts of Senior Clerk, eight out of 15 posts of peons are vacant in these five committees in Vidarbha region.