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Class IV employees' shortage hits functioning of Rajindra Hospital

Shortage of Class IV employees at Government Rajindra Hospital has become a cause of concern for the hospital authorities. While they are struggling to keep the hospital functioning on track, the fact that the remaining employees have proceeded on strike has caused further jolt to the authorities.

The vacancy position in the hospital is so bad that the attendants of patients themselves have to carry out the tasks that are supposed to be done by the Class IV employees. Out of over 600 sanctioned posts of Class IV employees, almost 50 per cent are vacant and the situation is getting worse with each passing month.

Ram Kishan, president of the Class IV Government Employees Union, said: "The last recruitment for Class IV employees was done in 2006, that, too, on a contractual basis. While about 100 of these employees are awaiting regularisation for the past 10 years, almost three-four employees are retiring on a monthly basis, making things worse".

He said the department had recently made promotions and several Class IV employees had even been transferred and the onus had fallen on the remaining employees.

"The hospital, which ideally should be completely hygienic, is in a mess since the hospital is short of 150 safai sewaks. So you can well imagine the situation. All requests pertaining to regularisation and fulfilment of posts are falling on deaf ears," he rued.

Meanwhile, after the employees had locked the gates of operation theatres of the hospital yesterday demanding filling their posts, college principal BL Bhardwaj had got their meeting arranged with the Director, Research and Medical Education, Dr MK Mohi and Secretary Vikas Partap in this regard.

The employees held a meeting with the Director, Research and Medical Education yesterday evening and were assured that their demands would be fulfilled soon. They would now meet the secretary on Monday in this regard. However, the employees boycotted the work today also.