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Tripura blames Centre for 60,000 vacant posts

Agartala: With more than 60,000 posts lying vacant in various state departments, the Tripura assembly has expressed serious concern over growing unemployers in the state.

Congress MLA Ratan Lal Nath said Tripura has the highest number of unemployed youths in the northeast - 128 per thousand people. The state does not have industries which is why unemployment is inevitable here, he added. He urged the state to start filling up sanctioned posts immediately.

Over 7.47 lakh sanctioned posts have been left vacant in various central government departments for a long time.

The ruling CPM has, in the meantime, blamed inadequate financial support from the Centre for the job deficit.

Sahid Choudhury, minister of manpower and employment said the Centre had, in a memorandum issued on October 29, 2014 by the department of expenditure under the ministry of finance, directed the states to stop hiring in government departments. But the government has been continuing its recruitment drive, he said.

CPM has moved a private members' resolution urging the Centre to create two crore jobs, as was promised by Prime Minister Narendra Modi before the general election.

"Various departments and profit-making central PSUs have failed to give maximum output because of the shortage of manpower for a long time. This is helping private business establishments, such as postal, telecommunication and other essential sectors flourish," Choudhury said.

Congress and TMC MLAs have, however, refused to buy the claims that the Centre has decided to put a ban on new employment creation or filling up of vacancies.