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### **PhD holders apply for SSC's clerical posts in West Bengal**

KOLKATA: With limited job opportunities in the country, candidates with high educational backgrounds are seeking even clerical jobs.

People with PhD and post graduate degrees have applied in large numbers in this year's School Service Commission's vacancies for Group D and clerical posts. The educational criteria for these jobs is education upto class 8.

27 lakh applications have been received so far by the SSC which has only 4,923 openings for D category and clerical posts.

Former SSC Chairman Ranajit Basu said, 'Post graduates and PhD holders may apply but according to SSC terms, only the lowest qualifications are considered.'

This implies that even with such advanced qualifications, these candidates are unlikely to get recruited to these posts and those with the required background will be preferred for the job.

There are more than 12,000 secondary schools in West Bengal and the state's SSC had last recruited staff four year ago, for which advertisements were released in 2010. 11 lakh applications were received then for 9,000 posts.