

## Punjab Cabinet gives nod to fill over 12,000 posts

Punjab Cabinet on Saturday gave approval to fill additional 12,747 posts of different cadres of six departments in the State.

This decision was taken during a meeting held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal.

These posts of cadres of Group A, B, C and D in departments of Home Affairs and Justice, Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes, Irrigation, Cooperation, Planning and Technical Education and Industrial training would be filled soon, a spokesperson said.

The Cabinet also gave clearance for creation of eight additional posts of Under Secretaries and one post of Superintendent in Punjab Civil Secretariat.

It also gave approval to fill 133 posts of Medical Laboratory Technician (Grade—2), 7 of TB Health Visitors, 29 posts of Ophthalmic Officer, 1301 posts of Multipurpose Health Worker (F), 1263 posts of Multipurpose Health Worker (M), 51 posts of Block Extension Educator, 109 posts of Radiographer, 128 posts of Operation Theatre Assistant, 33 posts of Electrographer, 2 posts of Assistant Dieticians and 5 of Dental Hygienist by taking out these posts from the purview of Punjab Subordinate Service Selection Board.

Similarly, it also gave a go ahead to fill 248 posts of Medical Officers (MBBS) out of 316 vacant posts of Medical Officers (Specialists) through Baba Farid Health Sciences University, Faridkot after conducting written test and without any interview by taking these posts out of purview of PPSC.

The Cabinet also gave green signal to fill 210 posts of Junior Engineers in Water Supply and Sanitation department under direct recruitment quota through an independent organization on the basis of a written test.

It also accorded ex-post facto approval to fill the post of Director and Warden of Fisheries on contract basis. This decision was taken due to non-availability of an eligible officer fulfilling the requisite qualifications/experience.

The Cabinet also decided to recast combined seniority of Assistant Sub Inspectors, Sub Inspectors and Inspectors of district police and PAP. To avoid reversions and protection of pay of employees of Armed Battalions, this decision would result in creation of 64 ex-Cadre posts for the General Duty (Armed Battalions) officials/officers till their promotions.

Similarly, creation of 41 cadre posts for sportspersons was approved, he said.

The Cabinet also decided to increase the quota of government houses for accredited press correspondents from 10 houses to 15.

It also gave approval to transfer the sale proceeds of Rs 17.35 crore to Bhogpur Cooperative Sugar Mill received from the sale of 12.6875 acres land of Sugarfed to Housefed. -- PTI

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