

Punjab releases 17,700 Govt Jobs this Year

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Continuing its sop culture ahead of the Punjab Assembly elections, the Akali-BJP government has okayed the recruitment of 17,700 persons in government jobs.

The decision was taken in a meeting of the Punjab Cabinet held this afternoon. The meeting was presided over by Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal.

The Cabinet also reviewed the ongoing wheat procurement process and expressed satisfaction over the lifting of grains and disbursal of payments to farmers.

The fresh recruitments are to be made in the police, irrigation and health departments. The Cabinet also approved the recruitment of 125 Feedback Officers in the Public Relations Department and staff members in the administrative department of newly-created districts.

It granted approval to streamline the disbursement of old-age pension and ex-gratia to political prisoners of the Punjabi Suba agitation.

The Cabinet also gave approval to grant head constable rank to police constables who have completed 16 years of service. It gave in principle approval to constitute a regulatory body to resolve the persistent complaints of overcharging of the Punjab School Education Board (PSEB) books by stationers.