

Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority

Replies to Rajya Sabha questions asked in the parliament : Details of admitted questions asked and replies given detailed answers for the Financial Year 2024-25 is attached contains 15 pages.

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Re: Reminder: URGENT: Provisionally admitted Starred/Unstarred Question Dy. No.U1373

From : Venita Solomon <venita.solomon@gov.in> Fri, Jul 19, 2024 07:30 PM
Subject : Re: Reminder: URGENT: Provisionally admitted Starred/Unstarred Question Dy. No.U1373
To : Ankita Varshney <soe2.fpd@nic.in>
Cc : Dheeraj Sahu, JS <js.wdra@nic.in>, Jeetesh Sharma Director WDRA <dirwdra.fpd@nic.in>, Himani Singh <himani.singh@gov.in>, Navneet Sandhu <navneet.sandhu@gov.in>, Lalit Kumar <adafc.wdra@nic.in>, Lalit Singh <assistant.wdra@nic.in>

Sir/ Madam,

With reference to email dated 16.07.2024 on the subject cited above, please find below point-wise reply in respect of WDRA.

1. How many permanent posts were under the Ministry of Food and Public Distribution including institutions, agencies and autonomous bodies in 2014? How many temporary posts?

Reply: As on 31.03.2014, WDRA had 19 sanctioned posts, all of which were temporary posts.

Group-A : 6
Group-B : 6
Group-C : 7
Group-D : -

[Note: While 16 temporary posts in WDRA were made permanent with DoE's approval in the years 2016 and 2018, 29 new posts were created in the year 2018.]

2. How many permanent posts are under the Ministry including institutions, agencies and autonomous bodies in 2024? How many temporary posts?

Reply: As on date, WDRA had 45 sanctioned posts, all of which were permanent and no temporary posts.

Group-A : 16
Group-B : 25
Group-C : 4
Group-D : -

3. How many people have been re-employed after retirement from services in the last ten years?

Reply: None

4. How many posts are lying vacant under the ministry including institutions, agencies and autonomous bodies?

Reply: As on date, against the sanctioned strength of 45 posts, 33 posts are filled. Therefore, 12 posts are vacant in the WDRA.

Group-wise vacancy:

Group-A : 7

Group-B : 4

Group-C : 1

Group-D : -

[It may be noted that 4 posts have lapsed for which proposal has been sent to DFPD for its revival. Besides, steps are being taken actively by WDRA to have all the vacant posts filled].

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सादर धन्यवाद/ Thanks & Regards,

विनीता सोलोमन/ Venita Solomon

सहायक निदेशक (मानव संसाधन)/ Assistant Director (HR)

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Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2024 2:10:21 PM

Subject: Fwd: URGENT: Provisionally admitted Starred/Unstarred Question Dy. No.U1373

Sir/ Madam,

Kindly refer to trailing mails regarding **Rajya Sabha provisionally admitted Starred/Unstarred Question Dy. No.U1373 for answer on 30.07.2024** regarding 'Posts under the Ministry'.

It is requested to provide Group wise data (Group A, Group B, Group C) for (a) to (d).



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F. No.H-11011/1/2017-A and F/2849

दिनांक/Dated: 19.11.2024

सेवा में / To,

सुश्री अंकिता वर्षनेय / Ms. Ankita Varshney,
अनुभाग अधिकारी (ई-II) / Section Officer (E-II),
खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण विभाग,
Department of Food & Public Distribution,
कृषि भवन / Krishi Bhavan, नई दिल्ली/New Delhi - 110001.

विषय: राज्यसभा द्वारा अंतिम रूप से स्वीकृत प्रश्न - तारांकित डायरी संख्या 1480 -
28.11.2024 को उत्तर के संदर्भ में।

Subject: - Rajya Sabha provisionally admitted Question - Starred Diary No. 1480 - for
reply on 28.11.2024 - reg.

महोदया/Madam,

अधोहस्ताक्षरी को उपरोक्त विषय पर निर्दिष्ट आपके ईमेल दिनांक 18.11.2024 के संदर्भ
में उपरोक्त विषय के संसद प्रश्न पर डब्ल्यूडीआरए का जवाब प्रस्तुत करने को निदेशित किया है:

The undersigned is directed to refer to your email dated 18.11.2024 on the subject cited
above and to submit the reply of WDRA on the above subject of Parliament Question:

क्रम सं ख्या/ Sl. No.	प्रश्न / Question	डब्ल्यूडीआरए का जवाब / Reply of WDRA
(a)	Whether Government has appointed more employees on contractual basis than regular/permanent appointments since	Yes. WDRA had 18 sanctioned posts till 2019. During 2019-20, additional 27 posts were sanctioned to meet the expanding needs of the Authority. Filling these newly sanctioned posts took time due to the procedural requirements laid down in WDRA Regulations. To manage temporary requirements, specific projects and the increased workload efficiently during this transitional phase,

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	2019 till date;	WDRA engaged consultants and outsourced employees. However, this arrangement did not continue beyond 2021-22. By this time, the number of employees engaged on a regular basis had surpassed the number of outsourced staff.																																
(b)	If so, the reasons for decline in regular/permanent appointments in Central Government;	There was no decline in the efforts to make regular appointments in WDRA. The engagement of Consultants and outsourced staff (Data Entry Operators and MTS) through GeM was necessary to manage temporary requirements, specific projects and the increased workload efficiently during this transitional phase post sanction of new posts in 2019-20. However, this arrangement did not continue beyond 2021-22. By this time, the number of employees engaged on a regular basis had surpassed the number of outsourced staff.																																
(c)	If not, the number of contractual appointments and regular/permanent appointments in Central Government separately since 2019 till 1 st November, 2024, Ministry/Department/ PSU-wise and year-wise?	<p>Details may be seen at table below:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>As on</th> <th>No. of employees on regular basis (on deputation/permanent absorption basis)</th> <th>No. of consultants engaged in WDRA on contract basis</th> <th>No. of Outsourced staff (Data Entry Operator (DEOs) and Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS))</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>31-03-2019</td> <td>13</td> <td>06</td> <td>16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>31-03-2020</td> <td>13</td> <td>06</td> <td>15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>31-03-2021</td> <td>16</td> <td>08</td> <td>16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>31-03-2022</td> <td>22</td> <td>07</td> <td>18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>31-03-2023</td> <td>28</td> <td>04</td> <td>18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>31-03-2024</td> <td>34</td> <td>03</td> <td>16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>01-11-2024</td> <td>33</td> <td>02</td> <td>19</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	As on	No. of employees on regular basis (on deputation/permanent absorption basis)	No. of consultants engaged in WDRA on contract basis	No. of Outsourced staff (Data Entry Operator (DEOs) and Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS))	31-03-2019	13	06	16	31-03-2020	13	06	15	31-03-2021	16	08	16	31-03-2022	22	07	18	31-03-2023	28	04	18	31-03-2024	34	03	16	01-11-2024	33	02	19
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(मनीष के जैन)/(MANISH KUMAR JAIN)

(अवर सचिव (प्र एवं वित्त))|UNDER SECRETARY (A&F)



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F. No.H-11011/1/2017-A and F/3109

दिनांक/Dated: 22.11.2024

सेवा में / To,

श्रीमती राजश्री खालखो / Smt. Rajshri Khalkho,
अवर सचिव (भंडारण) / Under Secretary (Storage),
खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण विभाग,
Department of Food & Public Distribution,
कृषि भवन / Krishi Bhavan, नई दिल्ली/New Delhi – 110001.

विषय: "बुनियादी ढांचा परियोजनाओं के लिए व्यवहार्यता गैप फंडिंग" पर दिनांक 03.12.2024 को उत्तर के लिए अंतिम रूप से स्वीकृत राज्य सभा तारांकित/अतारांकित प्रश्न डायरी संख्या S1767 के संदर्भ में।

Subject: - Provisionally admitted Rajya Sabha Starred/Unstarred Question Diary No.S1767 due for answer dated 03.12.2024 on "Viability Gap Funding for Infrastructure Projects" – reg.

महोदया/Madam,

अधोहस्ताक्षरी को उपरोक्त विषय पर निर्दिष्ट आपके ईमेल दिनांक 22.11.2024 के संदर्भ में उपरोक्त विषय के संसद प्रश्न पर डब्ल्यूडीआरए का जवाब प्रस्तुत करने को निदेशित किया है:

The undersigned is directed to refer to your office email dated 22.11.2024 on the subject cited above and to submit the reply of WDRA on the above subject of Parliament Question:

क्रम संख्या Q/Sl . No.	प्रश्न / Question	डब्ल्यूडीआरए का जवाब / Reply of WDRA
(a)	Names and details of the infrastructure projects in the Country in Public or Private Sector, or under PPP model, for which the Government offered Viability Gap Funding;	(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) do not pertain to Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority. WDRA is a Regulatory body entrusted with the registration of warehouses intending to issue Negotiable Warehouse Receipt (NWR)
(b)	Amount offered as VGF for these projects;	

(c)	Project-wise details thereof;	and putting in place a system of NWR in the country.
(d)	Names and details of the infrastructure projects in which the Government granted or decided to grant VGF as a deferred loan;	
(e)	Names and details of the infrastructure projects in which the Government granted or decided to grant VGF as a non-repayable grant?	

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F. No.H-11011/1/2017-A and F /3114

दिनांक/Dated: 25.11.2024

सेवा में / To,

श्रीमती राजश्री खालखो / Smt. Rajshri Khalkho,
अवर सचिव (भंडारण) / Under Secretary (Storage),
खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण विभाग,
Department of Food & Public Distribution,
कृषि भवन / Krishi Bhavan, नई दिल्ली/New Delhi – 110001.

विषय: तेलंगाना में औद्योगिक पार्कों और बड़े पैमाने पर वाणिज्यिक उद्योगों के संबंध में 29.11.2024 को उत्तर के लिए अंतिम रूप से स्वीकृत अतारांकित प्रश्न डायरी क्रमांक 1434 पर इनपुट के संदर्भ में।

Subject: - Inputs on provisionally admitted unstarred question Dy. No.1434 for answer on 29.11.2024 regarding Industrial Parks and large scale commercial industries in Telangana.

महोदया/Madam,

अधोहस्ताक्षरी को उपरोक्त विषय पर निर्दिष्ट आपके ईमेल दिनांक 22.11.2024 के संदर्भ में उपरोक्त विषय के संसद प्रश्न पर डब्लूडीआरए का जवाब प्रस्तुत करने को निदेशित किया है:

The undersigned is directed to refer to your office email dated 22.11.2024 on the subject cited above and to submit the reply of WDRA on the above subject of Parliament Question:

क्रम संख्या/Sl. No.	प्रश्न / Question	डब्लूडीआरए का जवाब / Reply of WDRA
(a)	Whether any Industrial Parks and large scale commercial industries are being set up in Telangana to boost trade and mitigate unemployment;	(a), (b) & (c) do not pertain to Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority. WDRA is a Regulatory body entrusted with the registration of warehouses intending to
(b)	If yes, details thereof;	

(c)	Is there a report of Telangana Government's financial progress in terms of commerce/industry since 2023?	issue Negotiable Warehouse Receipt (NWR) and putting in place a system of NWR in the country.
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F. No.H-11011/1/2017-A and F /3174

दिनांक/Dated: 03.12.2024

सेवा में / To,

अनुभाग अधिकारी (सतर्कता) / Section Officer (Vigilance),
खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण विभाग,
Department of Food & Public Distribution,
कृषि भवन / Krishi Bhavan, नई दिल्ली/New Delhi – 110001.

विषय: अखिल भारतीय सेवा अधिकारियों की स्थिति के संबंध में 05.12.2024 को उत्तर के लिए अंतिम रूप से स्वीकृत राज्यसभा तारांकित प्रश्न डायरी संख्या 3293 के संदर्भ में।

Subject: - Provisionally admitted Rajya Sabha Starred Question bearing Diary No.3293 for answer on 05.12.2024 regarding Status of All India Services Officials.

महोदय/Sir,

अधोहस्ताक्षरी को उपरोक्त विषय पर निर्दिष्ट व्हाट्सएप के माध्यम से आपका कार्यालय संचार दिनांक 02.12.2024 और डीओपीएंडटी के ओएम क्रमांक 125/2/2024-AVD.I/C.I, दिनांक 29.11.2024 के संदर्भ में उपरोक्त विषय के संसद प्रश्न पर अखिल भारतीय सेवाओं अर्थात् भारतीय प्रशासनिक सेवा, भारतीय पुलिस सेवा और भारतीय वन सेवा के अधिकारियों के संबंध में डब्ल्यूडीआरए का जवाब उत्तर/इनपुट प्रस्तुत करने को निदेशित किया है:

The undersigned is directed to refer to your office communication dated 02.12.2024 through WhatsApp and DoP&T's OM No.125/2/2024-AVD.I/C.I, dated 29.11.2024 on the subject cited above and to submit the reply/input of WDRA in respect of officers of the All India Services i.e. Indian Administrative Service, Indian Police Service and Indian Forest Service on the above subject of Parliament Question:

क्रम संख्या/SI. No.	प्रश्न / Question	डब्ल्यूडीआरए का जवाब / Reply of WDRA
(i)	Number of the officials who were placed under suspension or disciplinary action was	As per the records available with Warehousing Development and

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	initiated or penalty imposed for corruption since 01/11/2019 till date;	Regulatory Authority (WDRA), there are no cases for any of the points (i) to (iv). Hence, the information may please be treated as "NIL" in respect of WDRA.
(ii)	Number of complaints received in respect of the officials belonging to these services and the action taken against them since 01.01.2019 till date;	
(iii)	Number of sanctions for Prosecution issued from 01/01/2019 till date;	
(iv)	Number of the officials who were made to retire in public interest as per the Rule 16(3) of the AIS(DCRB) Rules, 1958.	

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F. No.H-11011/1/2017-A and F/3106

दिनांक/Dated: 04.12.2024

सेवा में / To,

श्री जयश्री विजय / Shri Jayasree Vijay (Hort. Tech.),
अनुभाग अधिकारी (बागवानी तकनीकी) / Section Officer (Hort. Tech.),
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण विभाग,
Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare,
कृषि भवन / Krishi Bhavan, नई दिल्ली/New Delhi - 110001.

विषय: "जलवायु परिस्थितियों के कारण टमाटर, आलू और प्याज के कम उत्पादन" के संबंध में 13.12.2024 को राज्य सभा अंतिम रूप से स्वीकृत तारांकित/अतारांकित प्रश्न डायरी संख्या U2793 का उत्तर देने के संदर्भ में।

Subject: - Rajya Sabha provisionally admitted Starred/Unstarred Question Diary No.U2793 due for answer on 13.12.2024 regarding "Reduced production of Tomoto, Potato and Onions due to climate conditions".

महोदय/Sir,

अधोहस्ताक्षरी को उपरोक्त विषय पर निर्दिष्ट आपके कार्यालय ज्ञापन क्रमांक 16-01/2024-Hort.,Tech.II (E-139411) दिनांक 03.12.2024 के संदर्भ में उपरोक्त विषय के संसद प्रश्न पर डब्लूडीआरए का जवाब प्रस्तुत करने को निदेशित किया है:

The undersigned is directed to refer to your Office Memorandum No.16-01/2024-Hort.,Tech.II(E-139411), dated 03.12.2024 on the subject cited above and to submit the reply of WDRA on the above subject of Parliament Question:

क्रम संख्या/SI. No.	प्रश्न / Question	डब्लूडीआरए का जवाब / Reply of WDRA
(a)	whether the Government is providing any specific support to farmers affected by excessive rainfall leading to reduced production of tomatoes, onions and potatoes, if so, the details thereof;	(a), (b) & (c) do not pertain to Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority. WDRA is a Regulatory body entrusted with the registration of

(b)	the operational initiatives to improve agricultural resilience to climatic conditions that effect crop production and the funds utilized for the same in the last 10 years;	warehouses intending to issue Negotiable Warehouse Receipt (NWR) and putting in place a system of NWR in the country.
(c)	steps taken by the government to ensure proper storage and smoothening the supply chain of tomatoes, onions and potatoes, especially during monsoon season?	

भवदीय/Yours faithfully,



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(Lalit Kumar)

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दिनांक/Dated: 12.02.2025

सेवा में / To,

श्रीमती राजश्री खालखो / Smt. Rajshri Khalkho,
अवर सचिव (भंडारण) / Under Secretary (Storage),
खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण विभाग,
Department of Food & Public Distribution,
कृषि भवन / Krishi Bhavan, नई दिल्ली/New Delhi – 110001.

विषय: अंतिम रूप से स्वीकृत तारांकित / अतारांकित प्रश्न - ईएनडबल्यूआर के संबंध में डायरी संख्या U712.

Subject: - Provisionally admitted starred / un-starred question – Diary No.U712 regarding eNWR.

महोदया/Madam,

अधोहस्ताक्षरी को उपरोक्त विषय पर निर्दिष्ट आपके ईमेल दिनांक 30.01.2025 के संदर्भ में उपरोक्त विषय के संसद प्रश्न पर डब्ल्यूडीआरए का जवाब अनुलग्नक-I के रूप में प्रस्तुत करने को निदेशित किया है।

The undersigned is directed to refer to your office email dated 30.01.2025 on the subject cited above and to submit the reply of WDRA on the above subject of Parliament Question as **Annexure-I**.

भवदीय/Yours faithfully,

Enclosure/ संलग्नक : As above/उपरोक्तानुसार।

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Annexure-I

Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question Dy. No. U712 due for answer on 11.03.2025 regarding e-NWR

S. No.	Question	Reply
(a)	the objectives of the Credit Guarantee Scheme for e-NWR based pledge financing (CGS-NPF) aimed at post-harvest financing;	The prime objective of the scheme is to instill confidence among banks and financial institutions to extend pledge finance against e-NWRs to farmers and traders on the agricultural/ horticultural produce stored in the WDRA registered warehouses. This schemes provides gurantee to the eligible lending institutions against the credit and warehouseman risk. This scheme is expected to increase the post-harvest finance and enhance credit flow to the farming sector, thereby avoiding distress sale and realizing better remunerative prices for the farm produce.
(b)	How the Rs. 1000 crore corpus will benefit small and marginal farmers, women, SC, ST and Divyangjan;	The CGS-NPF is focused on the beneficiaries such as small and marginal farmers, women, SC/ST and Divyangjan farmers. They were provided with higher guarantee coverage, i.e. 80-85 % and lower guarantee fee, i.e. 0.4%. For non- farmer borrower, guarantee fee is fixed at 1 % per annum. Therefore, the scheme is expected to benefit the above said beneficiaries and banks would be encouraged to extend loans to them.
(c)	measures taken to raise awareness among farmers about the CGS-NPF scheme;	<p>1. To maximize the outreach and benefits of the scheme, Secretary, DFPD vide letter dated 03-02-2025 had requested Chief Secretaries/Advisers of all States/UTs to :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Include CGS-NPF as an agenda item in the State Level Banker's Committee (SLBC) and District Level Banker's Committee (DLBC) and widely disseminate the benefits of scheme.(ii) Issue directions to banks to promote pledge financing against e-NWRs, enabling farmers to access hassle-free credit facilities.(iii) Organize awareness programs by Agricultural Universities in the State to educate farmers, traders, MSMEs, FPOs and financial institutions on the advantages of pledge finance against e-NWRs and benefits of CGS-NPF.(iv) Include CGS-NPF in training/workshops being carried out by Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVKs).

		<p>(v) Advise State Co-operation Dept. to apprise all credit cooperatives regarding CGS-NPF and facilitate pledge finance against e-NWR.</p> <p>2. A D.O. Letter dated 23-01-2025 from Chairperson, WDRA was addressed to heads of all Public Sector Banks, Pvt Sector Banks, Regional Rural Banks and Small Finance Banks to take benefit of the credit guarantee scheme.</p>
(d)	whether there are plans to expand the scheme's reach by increasing accredited warehouses and access to credit; and	At present, W (D&R) Act, 2007 does not mandate all warehouses to register with WDRA. Registration of warehouses is an on-going process and various measures are undertaken to promote registration of warehouses with WDRA. The Credit Guarantee Scheme is also expected to increase number of registered warehouses due to push from the banking industry. The Credit Guarantee Scheme is primarily aimed at improving the access credit to the farmers/ traders who wants to avail loans by pledging their deposits.
(e)	How this initiative aligns with the government's strategy for agricultural productivity and farmer welfare?	<p>This scheme has no direct relation with the agricultural productivity. However, the scheme inter alia associated with scientific storage of stock which can result in reduction of storage losses.</p> <p>The endeavor of the scheme is to provide liquidity in the hands of farmers thereby the farmers can avoid distress sale. This can result in increasing the possibility of fetching remunerative prices.</p>