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To

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Under Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare,
Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare,
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi – 110001.

Sub: Notice of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question with Diary No.969 to be put down for 02.12.2025 in respect of incumbency, DA&FW - Reg.

Vide OM No. F.No.A-58011/120/2025-Estt.-I dated 20.11.2025, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare has enclosed a copy of Notice of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question with Diary No.969 in respect of incumbency of vacancies, including reserved posts and number of contractual staff under the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare. The sought information in respect of SFAC is as under:-

QUESTION	REPLY FROM SFAC																
a. The number of sanctioned posts, in position and the number of vacancies, including reserved posts across categories at the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	There is no provision of Direct Recruitment in SFAC. The mode of staffing in SFAC is by deputation, short term contract and absorption. As per existing Recruitment Rules of SFAC, the number of sanctioned posts is 27, there are 13 officer/officials in position (including deputation and excluding contract) and number of vacancies is 14.																
b. The number of vacancies in the Ministry and Department, including reserved posts since, 2014, year and category-	<table><tr><th>Number of Vacancies since</th><th>Group A</th><th>Group B</th><th>Group C</th></tr><tr><td>2014</td><td>08</td><td>10</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td>2015</td><td>08</td><td>10</td><td>0</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	Number of Vacancies since	Group A	Group B	Group C	2014	08	10	0	2015	08	10	0				
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wise details; and	2016	08	10	0
	2017	06	10	0
	2018	08	10	0
	2019	08	09	0
	2020	08	09	0
	2021	08	10	0
	2022	08	10	0
	2023	08	10	0
	2024	04	09	1
	2025	04	09	1
c) The number of contractual employees hired since, 2014, year and category-wise details	No. of contractual Employees hired since	Young Professional	Consultant	
	2014	31	6	
	2015	25	6	
	2016	29	6	
	2017	25	7	
	2018	23	8	
	2019	23	8	
	2020	23	8	
	2021	20	6	
	2022	19	6	
	2023	22	6	
	2024	23	4	
	2025	34	2	

Yours faithfully,
 Digitally signed by
 Prasanth Chander N
 Date: 26-11-2025
 (Prasanth Chander N.)
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