

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 86
TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, 20 JULY, 2026/ASHADHA 29, 1948 (SAKA)
VACANCIES IN CBDT

86. SHRI RAO RAJENDRA SINGH:

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of vacancies in the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) as of January 2026;
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government to fill these posts and strengthen direct tax administration capacity; and
- (c) whether such large-scale vacancies have affected the efficiency of tax collection and enforcement, especially in view of the increasing share of cesses and surcharges in total direct tax revenue, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (b): The vacancies in Group A, B & C in the Income Tax Department as on 1st January, 2026 are 26,997. Occurrence and filling up of vacancies is a continuous process. As and when vacancies arise, such vacancies are filled regularly in the terms of mode of recruitment prescribed in the relevant recruitment rules, namely direct recruitment through UPSC/SSC or through promotion as applicable. Further, introduction of New Income Tax Act, 2025 has resulted into a landmark development to simplify language, remove obsolete provisions and consolidate & restructure provisions. Measures have been taken to strengthen and modernise the tax administration by leveraging information and digital technology for ease of filing, faster processing of returns and data analytics and faceless assessments.

(c) As a result of the aforesaid measures taken by the Income Tax Department, the net Direct taxes collection along with total amount of cess and surcharge collected by the Income Tax Department during last five financial years is as below: -

(Amount in Rs. Crores)

Financial Year	Net Direct tax collection	cess	surcharge
2021-22	14,12,422	51,840.19	23,808.14
2022-23	16,83,686	60,616.26	1,09,009.00
2023-24	19,60,166	69,890.52	1,15,157.00
2024-25	22,26,375	83,071.01	1,38,859.02
2025-26	23,40,373	87,854.31	1,66,514.00

Source: Pr. CCA, CBDT, Time series data.
