

# Another Blow To Aspirants Preparing For UPSC ?

New Delhi: In a break from past and a major move aimed at bringing domain expertise to policy making, the government has decided to allow for lateral entry for private sector specialists in select departments, according to a hiring notice issued by the government on Saturday.

The central government is looking to hire “talented and motivated” Indians to join its rolls as a joint secretary.

The government has 10 vacancies for “talented and motivated” Indians to join its ranks. It is open to experts in the fields of revenue, financial services, economic affairs, agriculture, farmers’ welfare, road transport and highways, shipping, environment, among others.

Besides expertise, to qualify for the post one must be at least 40 years on July 1, 2018 and must be a graduate from a recognised university or institute, said the advertisement notice.

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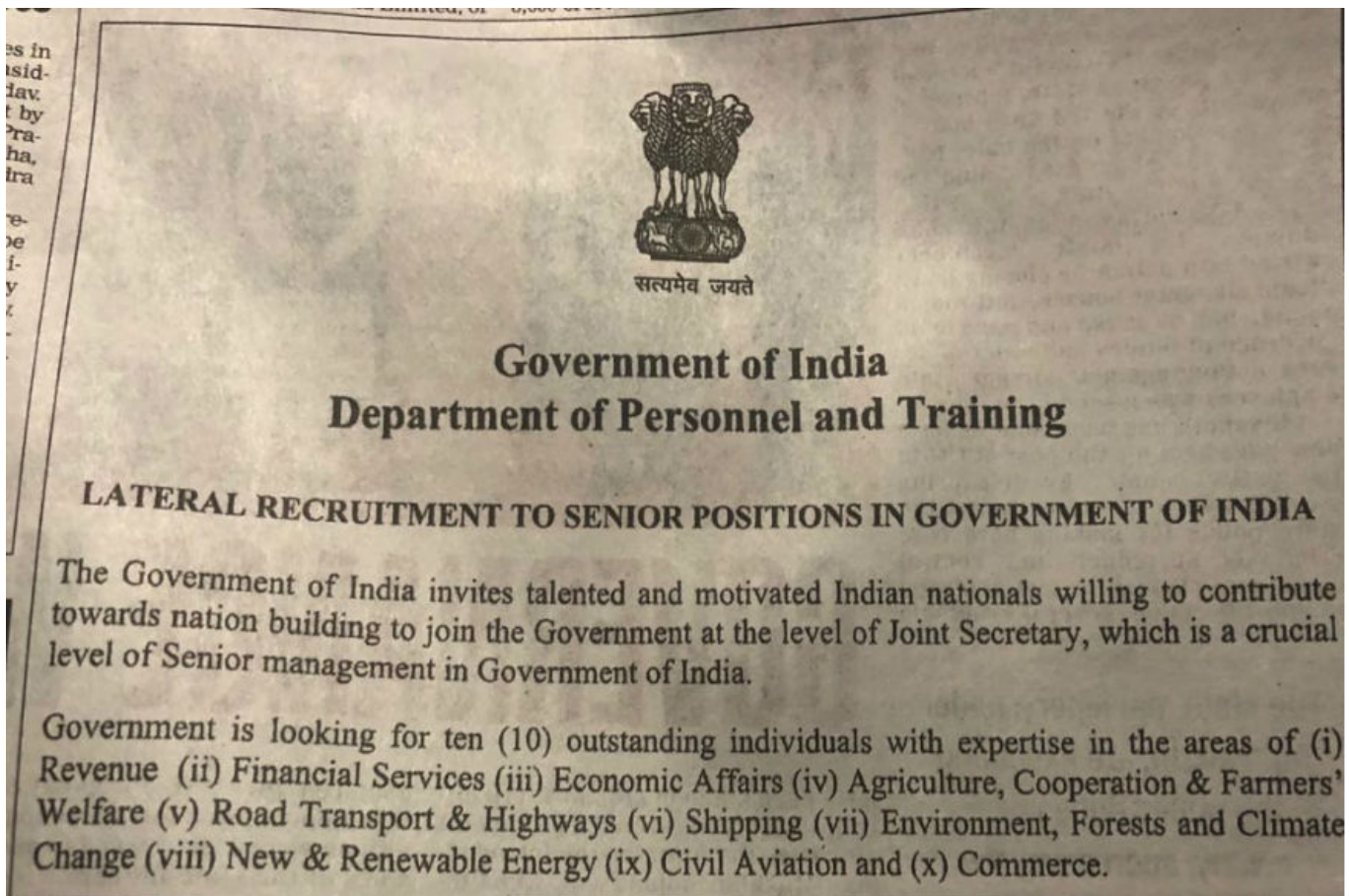
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“Higher qualifications would be an added advantage,” said the notice

The advertisement impressed upon the fact that joint secretaries function at a crucial level of senior management in the central government.

“They lead policy making as well as implementation of various programmes and schemes of the department assigned to them,”

read the notice.



*The government advertisement seeking "talented and motivated" Indians for the posts.*

The shortlisted candidates will be called for a personal interview and if selected, will receive a pay in the range of Rs 1,44,200-2,18,200 a month. They will also be eligible for all allowances and facilities as applicable to the equivalent level in the government.

The period of contract shall be for three years from the date of commencement and extendable up to five years depending upon performance.

The deadline to apply is 5 pm, July 30 2018.

The move to induct private sector specialists comes following a suggestion from the government's policy think tank Niti Aayog.

“Today, rising complexity of the economy has meant that policy making is a specialised activity. Therefore, it is essential that specialists be inducted into the system through lateral entry.

“Such entry will also have the beneficial side effect of bringing competition to the established career bureaucracy,” a draft agenda report on civil services reform by the Aayog had said.

In areas requiring specialised knowledge, it is important to develop expertise among internal staff and induct lateral entry, the report said.

The Centre recently also opened banking sector and central public sector enterprises for private sector specialists.

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