

# Fill vacant posts of engineers in road construction dept: Dy CM

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**Patna:** The state road construction department (RCD) is facing a shortage of engineers with several key positions remaining vacant. According to official data, out of 18 sanctioned posts of chief engineer, eight are currently unfilled. Similarly, 18 out of 71 sanctioned posts of superintending engineer are vacant while 105 out of 273 sanctioned posts of executive engineer also remain unoccupied.

In response to the crisis, deputy chief minister and RCD minister **Vijay Kumar Sinha** on Sunday directed the additional chief secretary (ACS) of the department to ensure that all vacant chi-



ef engineer posts are filled immediately. The minister also suggested that officers eligible for promotion to chief engineer be given additional charge of the post.

"The departmental review revealed that several senior officials retired in the past two to three months, which is affecting the pace of departmental work," Sinha said. He added that, in an effort to fill the vacant posts, the department is also reviewing the performance of officers

currently on deputation to other departments, including the Bihar State Road Development Corporation Limited (BSRDCL) and the Bihar Rajya Pul Nirman Nigam Limited (BRPNNL). "The department is considering whether to continue their deputation or to bring them back to the road construction department," he said.

"Officials who qualify for the position of chief engineer should be given charge of the higher position along with the upgraded pay scale. Otherwise, superintending engineers working in their own pay scale should be given the charge of chief engineer so that all positions are filled," Sinha said.