

Size of the govt. employees: Myth and the truth

A big hue and cry has always been made about the size of the govt. employees in India. To reduce the number of govt. employees, the govt. of India introduced the 'Ban on Recruitment', way back in 1984 itself. Ever since the introduction of the Neo- Liberal Economic policies, the govt. of India has taken various steps, for the downsizing of the strength of the govt. employees.

However, various surveys have now revealed the truth. Accordingly, the number of govt. employees that India is having, in comparison to the population, is only one fifth of the employees that the US govt. is having. India is having 1622.8 govt. servants (both central as well as states) for every 1,00,000 people. Whereas, the US is having 7681 employees per 1,00,000 people.

The number of Central govt. employees in India is 31 lakh. This comes to 257 employees per 1,00,000 people. But the US Federal govt. is having 840 employees per 1,00,000 people. For everything the Indian govt. is following what the US is doing. On the employment of govt. employees, why can't India follow the US?

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