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Amod Kumar appointed secretary in CM office

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LUCKNOW: [Amod Kumar](#), advisor to chief minister Akhilesh Yadav, has now been posted as [secretary](#) in the chief minister's office. He was on a three-year deputation to a state government-supported international health project and is now back to the state cadre.

The government, however, is still in a dilemma over posting of the new principal secretary to the chief minister, a post lying vacant for over a fortnight after [Rakesh Garg](#) was appointed secretary telecom, government of India.

The government is also considering posting a retired IAS officer in place of Garg and continuing with Anita Singh in the chief minister's office. This officer has worked in the past with the Samajwadi Party chief Mulayam Singh Yadav as chief minister and also during his tenure as Union defence minister.

In the meantime, some IAS officers from Bihar have approached UP government seeking their posting in the state on deputation. About 10 IAS and IPS officers from different states are already on deputation here. Meerut district magistrate Pradeep Yadav and director of Mandi Parishad Anup Yadav are on deputation from other states to UP while Yashwasi Yadav IPS is from Maharashtra.



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The chief minister's office at present is understaffed with only one principal secretary, two secretaries and three special secretaries. In the previous BSP government there were nearly six principal secretaries, similar number of secretaries and a good number of special secretaries apart from a cabinet secretary.

In the Akhilesh Yadav's office, even secretaries have to do the job of day officer while normally it is done by the rank of office of the special secretary. After Pandhari Yadav and Alok Kumar, both IAS officers were removed from the office of the chief minister, there has been no replacement by the government.

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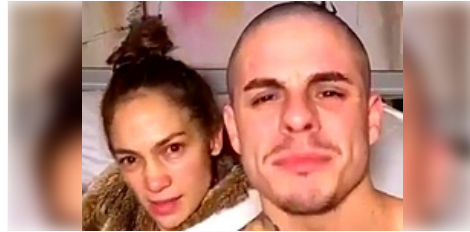
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