

Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
Department of Consumer Affairs

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 880
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22/12/2017

SHORTAGE OF TRAINED MANPOWER IN BIS

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the BIS has huge shortage of trained manpower and labs, etc., required to fulfill its mandate throughout the country;
- (b) if so, in what manner the BIS is managing its activities; and
- (c) whether it is hampering the working of BIS especially in view of the fact that it is looking at the extent of spurious/fake products and substandard food stuff available today?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C.R.CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c) : The approved strength of Group A, Scientific Cadre Officers is 560, out of which as on date, there are 461 Scientific Cadre Officers in Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). During the year 2016, 76 Scientific Cadre Officers were recruited and the recruitment process for year 2017-18 has been initiated to fill the existing vacancies.

Total sanctioned strength of Group B and Group C (Technical) Staff in BIS Laboratories is 239 out of which 171 Staff are currently posted in BIS Laboratories. Besides, 46 Scientific cadre officers are also currently posted in BIS Laboratories.

BIS has its own eight laboratories which are located at Sahibabad (NCR), Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Chandigarh, Bangalore, Patna and Guwahati. In addition, BIS also grants recognition to Outside Laboratories (OSL) for testing of products in order to cater to the needs of its various conformity assessment schemes. 201 OSLs have been recognized by BIS for testing of various products.

BIS also uses information technology tools and has simplified its procedures to manage its activities.
