

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1037**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE DECEMBER 19TH, 2018/AGRAHAYANA 28, 1940 (SAKA)
VACANCIES IN CENTRAL FORENSIC SCIENCE LABORATORIES**

1037. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that almost 40 per cent of posts in the Central Forensic Science Laboratories (CFSLs) under the Directorate of Forensic Science Services is lying vacant and CFSL of the Central Bureau of Investigation has almost 50 per cent vacancy;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons for such a high percentage of vacancies;

(c) by when Government expects to fill all the vacancies in the CFSLs; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to upgrade the forensic divisions in the country?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)**

(a) and (b) Details on sanctioned strength and vacancies position in Central Forensic Science Laboratories (CFSLs) under Directorate of Forensic Science Services (DFSS) and Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CBI) are given below:-

Organisation	Sanctioned Strength (Scientific and Administrative Post)	Vacancies (Scientific and Administrative Post)
DFSS – CFSLs	470	163
CFSL(CBI)	85	07

The reasons for vacancies include non-availability of candidates in feeder grade for promotion, amendment in Recruitment Rules due to merger of posts, non joining of selected candidates and non-availability of suitable candidates for direct recruitment in some posts.

(c) and (d) Filing up of vacancies is an ongoing exercise. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has undertaken a review of the vacancy position in six Central Forensic Science Laboratories (CFSLS) under the Directorate of Forensic Sciences Services (DFSS) and Central Forensic Science Laboratory (Central Bureau of Investigation) and has identified action points, which include filling up the posts and streamlining the Recruitment Rules. In the interim, in order to make available the required scientific manpower, the Ministry of Home Affairs through Lok Nayak Jayaprakash Narayan National Institute of Criminology & Forensic Science has undertaken a Forensic Aptitude and Caliber Assessment Test in September 2018 and a total of 354 candidates have been identified for engagement.
