

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PLANNING**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6266  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.04.2017**

**ATAL INNOVATION MISSION**

6266. SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:  
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:

Will the MINISTER OF PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formed important committees in NITI Aayog in different spheres of Research and Planning;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with their composition, roles and responsibilities;
- (c) whether the Government has earmarked substantial funds for the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM);
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the projects sanctioned under the mission during the last three years, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the present status of the appointment of Research Officers and Research Assistants and other posts in the NITI Aayog?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTRY OF  
HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION**

**(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)**

(a)& (b): After its formation on January 1, 2015, NITI Aayog formed following Committees in different spheres of research and studies for achievement of the country's developmental objectives:

1. Research Evaluation Committee for Consultancy by Nomination (RECCN).
2. Research Evaluation Committee (REC) (for Consultancy by Empanelment and Advertisement).
3. Seminar Evaluation Committee (SEC) (both for national and international seminars/conferences/workshops).
4. Logo Evaluation Committee (LEC).
5. NITI Fellowship Committee (NFC).

Details of composition, role & responsibilities of the Committees are as under:

**1. Research Evaluation Committee for Consultancy by Nomination (RECCN)**

**Composition:** This committee comprises of Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog as Chairperson. The other members of the Committee are all the Members of NITI Aayog, CEO, Additional Secretaries, Adviser of the concerned Subject Matter Vertical and Adviser (Research) of NITI Aayog.

**Role & Responsibility:** This includes (a) evaluating research proposals to be considered under consultancy by nomination; (b) reducing or increasing any of the budget in the financial proposal of the research studies under nomination, (c) relaxing the ceiling in exceptional cases depending upon the specific requirement.

**2. Research Evaluation Committee (REC):**

**Composition:** This Committee comprises of Additional Secretary as chairperson with Adviser (Research) and Adviser of the concerned subject matter vertical as its Members.

**Role & Responsibility:** This includes (a) opening and evaluating the technical and financial bids of the research studies under consultancy by Empanelment and consultancy through Advertisement; (ii) looking into Black Listing or debarring any organizations from receiving any grant from NITI Aayog for a specific period if there is any breach of terms and conditions laid down in the letter of the approval of the concerned Research Proposal/Study.

**3. Seminar Evaluation Committee (SEC):**

**Composition:** Additional Secretary as chairperson with Adviser (Research) and Adviser of the concerned subject matter vertical as the Members.

**Role & Responsibility:** To examine the technical and financial cost of the proposals and for making a suitable recommendation on the budget and technical part of the event.

**4. Logo Evaluation Committee (LEC):**

**Composition:** The Additional Secretary is the Chairman with Adviser (Research) and Adviser of the concerned subject matter vertical as Members.

**Role & Responsibility:** To evaluate the suitability of permitting use of Logo of NITI Aayog for the events such as Seminars/ conferences/ workshops/ summits/ symposium/ exhibitions/ annual functions etc.

**5. NITI Fellowship Committee (NFC):**

**Composition:** The Additional Secretary is the chairperson with Adviser (Research) and Adviser of the concerned subject matter vertical as the Members.

**Role & Responsibility:** To give a suitable recommendation for awarding NITI Fellowship to the individual research scholars to conduct a specific study or survey in a limited time period.

(c)& (d): Atal Innovation Mission is a new programme approved by the Cabinet on February 24, 2016. A budget allocation of Rs. 77.15 crore was sanctioned in 2016-17 (R.E.) Further, a budget allocation of Rs. 112 crore has been kept in 2017-18 (B.E.). The Mission has sanctioned 457 Atal Tinkering Laboratories (ATLs) in schools and provided scale up support to 6 Established Incubation Centres in 2016-17. The list of the projects sanctioned by the Mission is at Annex I.

(e): The present status of the appointment of Research Officers and Research Assistants and other posts in the NITI Aayog is at Annex II, Annex III and Annex IV.

**List of Projects sanctioned under Atal Innovation Mission**

**State/UT Wise distribution of sanctioned ATLs**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of State / UTs</b>	<b>Number of ATLs Sanctioned</b>
1	Delhi	43
2	Maharashtra	42
3	Tamil Nadu	41
4	Uttar Pradesh	33
5	Karnataka	30
6	Kerala	29
7	Haryana	22
8	West Bengal	21
9	Assam	18
10	Gujarat	18
11	Punjab	17
12	Telangana	17
13	Andhra Pradesh	13
14	Chhattisgarh	12
15	Madhya Pradesh	11
16	Rajasthan	11
17	Chandigarh	10
18	Goa	10
19	Uttarakhand	10
20	Sikkim	8
21	Bihar	7
22	Odisha	7
23	Himachal Pradesh	4
24	Jharkhand	4
25	Arunachal Pradesh	3
26	Manipur	3
27	Meghalaya	3
28	Puducherry	3
29	Andaman and Nicobar Island	2
30	Jammu and Kashmir	2
31	Mizoram	2
32	Tripura	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>457</b>

**(A) Scale up support to Established Incubation Centres**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of Incubation Centres</b>	<b>State</b>
1	TREC STEP Tiruchirappalli Regional Engineering College, Science and Technology Entrepreneurs Park	Tamil Nadu
2	Ninety One Springboard Group	Delhi
3	Amrita Technology Business Incubator, Kollam	Kerala
4	Bio-Incubator Centre at CCAMP, Bangalore	Karnataka
5	Livelihoods Consulting India Limited, Hyderabad	Telangana
6	NSRCEL, Bangalore	Karnataka

Ministry	Name of the post	Service/Cadre to which the post belongs	Sanctioned Strength	In position	Remarks
NITI Aayog	Pr.Adviser/Sr. Adviser/Adviser	Central Staffing Scheme	8	6	DO letter has been issued to EO Division, DoPT for filling up these two vacant posts.
	Adviser	General Central Service	17	7	Consequent upon restructuring of NITI Aayog, the framing of RRs are under process. Once the RRs are finalized, recruitment to the vacant posts will be initiated.
	Joint Adviser and Deputy Adviser	General Central Service	40 (combined strength)	29*	Do
	*14 Officers of IES and ISS cadre are on deputation against NITI Aayog's own posts (JA/DA of GCS).				
	DS/Director	Central Staffing Scheme	15	8#	#One post is upgraded to Adviser (JS level). Vacancies intimated to DoPT
	DS/Director	Central Secretariat Service	6	6	-
	Under Secretary	Central Secretariat Service	10	9	Appointments are conducted by DoPT
	CLDO	GCS	1	1	-

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	Sanctioned Strength	Incumbents	Vacancy	Remarks
1.	Senior Research Officer [General Central Services (GCS)]	31	20(15+5*)	11	12 Research Assistants have been engaged on contract basis to counter the exigency of work due to existing vacancies in the grade Research Officer/ Senior Research Officer/ Deputy Adviser.
2.	Research Officer(GCS)	15	09	06	
3.	Economic Officer	26	23	03	
4.	Senior Research Officer[Indian Economic Services (IES)]	13	08	05	Posts are filled up by Deptt. of Economic Affairs.
5.	Research Officer(IES)	10	04	06	
6.	Research Assistant	00	03	00	The posts of Research Assistants, and Carpenter have been categorized as supernumerary posts.
7.	Carpenter	00	01	00	
8.	Technical Officer	01	01	00	
9.	Senior Artist	02	02	00	
10.	Joint Director [(Official Language (OL)]	01	00	01	Posts are filled up by Deptt. of Official Language
11.	Asstt. Director(OL)	01	01	00	
12.	Senior Hindi Translator	02	02	00	
13.	Junior Hindi Translator	02	02	00	
14.	Principal Staff Officer/Sr. Principal Private Secretary	2	2	Nil	
15.	Principal Private Secretary	24	23	01	DoPT is the Cadre Controlling Authority
16.	Private Secretary	40	35	05	DoPT is the Cadre Controlling Authority
17.	Personal Assistant	30	21	09	DoPT is the Cadre Controlling Authority
18.	Stenographer Grade “D”	33	30	03	DoPT is the Cadre Controlling Authority
19.	Staff Car Driver	10	10+5 <sup>#</sup>	Nil	
20.	Multi-Tasking Staff	52	52+86 <sup>#</sup>	Nil	
21.	Assistant Photostat Equipment Operator	1	1+1 <sup>#</sup>	Nil	

\*05 ISS officers have been adjusted against the vacant GCS posts.

<sup>#</sup> Supernumerary Posts

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Post</b>	<b>Sanctioned Strength</b>	<b>Incumbents</b>	<b>Vacancy</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
1.	Section Officer	23	12	11	DoPT is the Cadre Controlling Authority
2.	Assistant Section Officer	35	36	-(01)	
3.	Junior Secretariat Assistant	00	01	-(01)	
4.	Assistant Library Information Officer	01	01	00	
5.	Library Information Assistant	04	02	02	
6.	Library Clerk	02	02	00	
7.	Senior Library Attendant	02	02	00	
8.	Accountant	01	01	00	
9.	Protocol Assistant	01	01	00	