

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4062**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20/03/2018

**VACANT POST IN ICAR**

4062. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the working/performance of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and various research institutes under it and also the posts of full time Directors and other posts lying vacant in the above institutes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item “krishi kshetra ke aadhe sansthan mukhiya viheen” published in a leading Hindi daily on February 19, 2018 in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to fill up the vacant posts of agricultural scientists in ICAR and provide scientific benefits to the farmers in the country and if so, the details thereof?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री  
**(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

**(a) & (b):**

- The performance of the ICAR has been got reviewed by the Government through various Peer Review Committees from time to time. Recently a Peer Review Committee was constituted by the Government of India under the Chairmanship of Dr. T. Ramasami, former Secretary, DST. The Committee reviewed the functioning of the ICAR and has submitted its recommendations to the Government of India which is being examined by the Government.
- Position of vacant posts of Directors in ICAR Institutes is being monitored by the Cabinet Secretariat on monthly basis. To make the process of selection for these positions in ICAR more transparent and accountable many initiatives are being taken. Steps have been initiated to fill the vacancies on priority basis through the Agricultural Scientists' Recruitment Board (ASRB), New Delhi, a duly constituted body with the approval of the Cabinet for selection of Scientists in ICAR and its Research Institutes.

(c) None of the Institute of ICAR remains without a Director at any time as whenever regular Director vacates position, officiating arrangement is made with immediate effect as per approved guidelines and established practice to ensure continuity of the ongoing research activities of the Institutes till regular Director is selected. Further, filling of posts is a continuous process and vacancies are filled through an established procedure subject to availability of appropriately qualified candidates in the required areas of specialization.

(d) Yes, Sir. Steps have been initiated to get these vacancies filled on priority basis through the Agricultural Scientists' Recruitment Board (ASRB), New Delhi, a duly constituted body with the approval of the Cabinet for selection of Scientists in ICAR and its Research Institutes.

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