

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3450**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16/03/2021

**VACANCIES IN ICAR**

3450. SHRI P.C. GADDIGOUDAR:  
SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that over 1,000 posts of scientists and over 2,100 technical posts are lying vacant in Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR);
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the complete information of sanctioned posts and actual strength in various grade of scientists and other technical posts in ICAR;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the shortfall of technical personnel in ICAR can have serious repercussions on the research activities of the Institute;
- (d) the extent to which the shortfall has adversely affected the research activities of ICAR;
- (e) whether any steps are being taken by the Government to enable the early filling up of the vacant posts in ICAR; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**A N S W E R**

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

**(a) & (b):** Out of the total sanctioned strength of 6586 positions in scientific cadre in ICAR, 1504 are vacant. Likewise, out of the total sanctioned strength of 6756 in case of technical cadre 2311 are vacant. Cadre and category wise details are as under:-

Name of the Post	Sanctioned Posts	In position	Vacancy
<b>Cadre Wise details of vacancy position of Scientists</b>			
Scientist	4451	3776	675
Sr. Scientist	1295	889	406
Principal Scientist (Heads, Project Coordinators)	665	323	342
Research Management Positions	175	94	81
Total	6586	5082	1504
<b>Category wise details of vacancy position of Technical staff</b>			
Category I	3699	2512	1187
Category II	2555	1689	866
Category III	502	244	258
Total	6756	4445	2311

**(c) & (d):** ICAR has taken efforts to ensure that the mandated and prioritized research activities of the Institutes do not suffer. Effective steps including optimal deployment of human resources are taken in ICAR to prioritize the research activities to address the mandates of the institutions and the national priorities.

**(e) & (f):** The recruitment of scientific and technical positions is a continuous process and the vacancies are filled up through an established procedure by the Agricultural Scientist Recruitment Board (ASRB) or the Institute subject to availability of qualified candidates. The vacancy position is monitored regularly within ICAR and with ASRB towards timely selection and deployment of human resource.

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