

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1231
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27TH JULY, 2021

VACANCIES IN ICAR

1231. SHRI VIJAYAKUMAR (ALIAS) VIJAY VASANTH:
SHRI GNANATHIRAVIAM S.:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that several posts of scientists and technical posts are lying vacant in Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the extent to which the vacancies would adversely affect the research activities at ICAR;
- (d) whether any steps are being taken to fill up the vacancies at the earliest;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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, 1394 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:

Cadre Wise details of vacancy position of Scientists			
Name of post	Sanctioned Posts	In position	Vacancy
Scientist	4451	3882	569
Sr. Scientist	1295	924	371
Principal Scientist (Heads, Project Coordinators)	665	285	380
Research Management Positions	175	101	74
Total	6586	5192	1394
Category wise details of vacancy position of Technical Staff			
Category I	3699	2512	1187
Category II	2555	1689	866
Category III	502	244	258
Total	6756	4445	2311

(c) 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.

(d) to (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 Scientists 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.
