

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5096**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 02.04.2025

**REGULARISATION OF NETWORK FIELD ENGINEERS**

**5096. DR. ANGOMCHA BIMOL AKOIJAM:**

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the services of Network Field Engineers under the ICT Services and NICNET Project are likely to be regularized considering their vital role in managing NIC services nationwide;
- (b) if not, the alternative measures taken to address their concerns particularly regarding frequent third-party vendor changes leading to wage reduction, implementation of transfer policies in certain States and other labour-related challenges;
- (c) the existing provisions for experienced and qualified Network Field Engineers, holding a Bachelor's degree or equivalent, who have exceeded the age limit for NIC's Scientific Officer recruitment, despite years of service;
- (d) the reasons for not conducting recruitment for technical non-scientific officers by NIC given the shortage of Government personnel for ICT services and NICNET support; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to fill this gap apart from outsourcing manpower?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (e): National Informatics Centre (NIC) engages various types of service providers for managing various systems and facilities.

NIC operates in rapidly changing technological environment. Therefore, this model of working with service providers is helping NIC to upgrade technology and provide appropriate service.

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