

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 679**

ANSWERED ON 06.02.2025

**SHORTAGE OF MANPOWER AT CGWA AND CGWB**

679. SHRI AZAD KIRTI JHA

Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the administrative activities of the Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) have recently been carried out by the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether CGWA and CGWB are being incapacitated due to a shortage of technical and non-technical personnel;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the actions taken/being taken by the Government to address the shortage;
- (e) whether the Cadre Review Proposal is finalized for the creation of additional posts in CGWB;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, the time by which the proposal would be finalized and new posts would be created?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI**

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

**(a) & (b)** Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), is a multi-disciplinary scientific organization under the Ministry of Jal Shakti, entrusted with the responsibilities of providing scientific inputs for management, exploration, monitoring, assessment and augmentation of ground water resources of the country.

Further, the Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) has been created under the Ministry of Jal Shakti under section 3(3) of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for the purposes of regulation and control of ground water development and management in the country. Since ground water regulation also requires in depth knowledge of hydrogeology, local aquifer potential etc. the expertise of the officers of CGWB is also being utilized to handle this work.

**(c) to (g)** No.

The Ministry has taken various steps to fill up the vacancies by way of promotions from the feeder cadre as well as direct recruitments, as the case may be. To cover the gap in the interim period, the Ministry

has also permitted CGWB to hire adequate number of Young Professionals of suitable qualification and experience so as to ensure smooth functioning of the organization.

The recruitment for remaining cadres is being taken up in mission mode. In this regard, proposals have already been sent to UPSC/SSC who are taking necessary action as per their standard recruitment cycle.

Moreover, with a vision to shape CGWB into a premier scientific organization, a comprehensive cadre re-structuring has been initiated for the first time since the establishment of the organization. In the re-structuring, it has been proposed to strengthen the scientific cadre considering the future work requirements and surrender a sizable number of lower grade drilling operations related posts, which may be no longer required. Currently, the cadre review/re-structuring proposal of CGWB has been taken up with Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) and Department of Expenditure (DoE) for necessary approvals.

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