

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4389
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2010
NATIONAL CENTRE OF ORGANIC FARMING
Panda Shri Prabodh

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several posts in the National Centre of Organic Farming (NCOF) are lying vacant;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government to fill up these posts;
- (c) whether the Government has constructed/proposes to construct new buildings for smooth functioning of Regional Centres of Organic Farming (RCOF);
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating the funds approved, released and utilised for each building;
- (e) whether there are cost spill over on the buildings constructed for NCOF and RCOF; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the responsibility fixed in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): NCOF had 112 sanctioned posts as on 31.03.2010. Since then 8 posts have been/deemed to have been abolished. Thus, out of 104 posts as on 1.12.2010, 86 posts stand filled. Action for filling up vacant posts has already been initiated.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The details are as follows:

(In Rupees)

Name of Centre	Funds approved	Funds Released	Funds sanctioned/ utilized	Remarks
NCOF, Ghaziabad	13,97,74,000/-	11,01,95,000/-	7,44,65,810/-	Construction work is in progress
RCOF, Nagpur	4,21,38,000/-	51,00,000/-	-	Construction work is in progress
RCOF, Imphal	3,17,57,250/-	2,69,57,000/-	1,51,88,000/-	-do-
RCOF, Bangalore	5,33,26,900/-	97,31,000/-	66,55,635/-	-do-

(e) & (f): There is no spill over and the constructions are progressing within the approved outlay.