

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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VACANCY OF SCIENTISTS IN ICAR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has a number of vacancies in the scientific cadre;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this has also affected the research and development programmes of ICAR in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the actions taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): 28% of positions in the scientific cadre (1810 posts comprising of 537 Scientists, 1006 Senior Scientists and 267 Principal Scientists and above) are vacant in the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

(c) & (d): Presently the R&D programmes are being managed through judicious re-deployment of the available scientific manpower. Steps have been initiated to get all the vacancies filled up on top priority basis through the Agricultural Scientists' Recruitment Board (ASRB).