

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF SCIENTISTS IN AIIMS

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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is true that out of 50 posts of scientist in All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) 15 posts are lying vacant and the AIIMS has not recruited any scientist in the last three years resulting in shortage of scientists;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether this has affected research projects of AIIMS;
- (d) if so, whether Government has received certain representations regarding recruitment of more scientists in order to prevent students from going abroad for their post doctoral fellowship; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof with the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) to (e): 50 posts of scientists are sanctioned under the Core Research Cadre. These posts are filled on completion of 15 years of project service by Project Scientists in various research projects at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) subject to recommendation for absorption by the committee constituted for the purpose. Till date, 20 Scientists have been absorbed in AIIMS under this mechanism. AIIMS has 69 more sanctioned posts of Scientists out of which 28 are filled. The process initiated for revising/ rationalizing the recruitment rule for non-faculty posts for filling up the vacant positions has not been completed so far. Hence, the vacancies have not been filled up. Majority of research is carried out by the faculty members at AIIMS. Further, 5 Scientist have been engaged on contract basis to cater to requirements of Departments concerned.