

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SHORTAGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENTISTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is shortage of agricultural scientists in the Agricultural Universities and Agricultural Research Institutions of the country due to which research work in agriculture sector is being adversely affected;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the shortage of agricultural scientists, State-wise and University-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) to (c): Central Agricultural University (CAU), Imphal Presently 36% of agricultural scientists (faculty) in CAU, Imphal, is vacant. State-wise details are given in Annexure-I.

Agricultural Research Institutions under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)

Presently 19% posts of Agricultural Scientists in different ICAR Institutes are vacant. The R&D programmes in these institutions are being managed through judicious re-deployment of available scientific manpower. Further, these institutions are established in different states but their regional stations are spread in other states also. Institute wise vacancy positions are given in Annexure-II.

State Agricultural Universities State Agricultural Universities are under the administrative control of concerned State Government and Central Government has no intervention. However, as per the report of the Institute of Applied Manpower Research (IAMR), Report No.1/2012 on Human Capital Requirements in Agriculture and Allied sectors carried out by the National Academy of Agricultural Research & Management (NAARM), Hyderabad, about 40% of the faculty positions in the agricultural universities have remained vacant for long periods of time. As per the above mentioned report, the sanctioned and vacant positions of faculty in different major disciplines of agricultural sciences in different State Agricultural Universities (SAUs), State-wise is annexed (Annexure-III).

(d) Steps have been initiated by the Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board for filling up of the vacant positions of scientists in the ICAR Institutes. ICAR has been advising the State Agricultural Universities to fill up the vacant posts through various mechanisms including Vice Chancellors' conference held annually.