

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3611

ANSWERED ON:14.12.2012

VACANT POST OF ENTOMOLOGISTS

Bapurao Shri Khatgaonkar Patil Bhaskarrao;Bhoi Shri Sanjay;Gaikwad Shri Eknath Mahadeo;McLeod Smt. Ingrid;Paranjpe Shri Anand Prakash;Ramasubbu Shri S.

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of vacant posts of entomologists in hospitals in several States in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the appointment of entomologists made against their sanctioned strength in various States, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the reasons for not giving due importance to the entomologists in the country;
- (d) whether the Government has issued certain guidelines/directions to the State Governments to fill up the posts of entomologists immediately; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ABU HASEM KHAN CHOUDHURY)

(a) & (b): There are no posts of entomologists in the hospitals. However, the State Governments have posts of entomologists at State Head Quarters and at Zonal Entomological Units in several States of the country. The appointments to these posts are made by the State Governments.

Out of 33 sanctioned posts of State entomologists, 12 are in position. Out of 85 posts of zonal entomologists, 44 are in position.

The state-wise details of vacancy position of entomologists are given in annexure.

(c): Entomologists have their due importance in the National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme.

(d) & (e): Various advisories have been issued time to time to fill up the vacant posts of entomologists at the State level.

1. In the meeting of the Committee of Secretaries (CoS) held on 26th May, 2011 it was decided that the State Governments would be requested to fill up the vacant posts of entomologists. Subsequently a video conference was held with the Chief Secretaries of the States/UTs during a meeting of CoS chaired by the Secretary Coordination, Cabinet Secretariat on 10th August, 2011, where the State Governments were requested to fill up the vacant posts of entomologists.

2. A Review meeting of State/Zonal entomologists was also held at Dte. of National Vector Borne Diseases Control Programme (NVBDCP) in Delhi on 27-28 Sept, 2011 in which entomologists from 17 states attended the meeting and the issue of filling up vacant posts of entomologists was raised and the States were requested to fill up these posts.

3. A communication was sent by Additional Director, NVBDCP to all the State Programme Officers on 23rd July 2012 for strengthening of the entomological components in the State by filling up various vacant posts of entomologists.