

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3099

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VACANCY OF GEOLOGISTS

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**Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the sanctioned and actual strength of geologists at present;
- (b) the university/colleges offering geology course at graduate and post-graduate levels and their intake strength;
- (c) whether number of posts of geologists are lying vacant for a long time and there is shortage of qualified geologists in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the remedial steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Govt. to fill up vacant posts of geologists at all levels?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRIDINSHA J. PATEL)

(a) The sanctioned and actual strength of Geologists in Geological Survey of India (GSI) and Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) is as follows:

Name of Organisation	Sanctioned strength	Actual strength
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GSI	2,147#	1,690
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IBM	115	70
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#As per restructuring approved for GSI, the sanctioned strength upto 2012-13 is 2,147 and this will be increased to 3,086 by 2019-20.

(b) Information is being collected.

(c) to (e) As regards Geological Survey of India, which is the major employer for geologist in the country, no shortage of geologists has been reported so far. Recruitment of geologists is made on an annual basis through Geologist's Examination conducted by UPSC whose year wise status since 2006 is as under:

Year of Geologists' Exam.	No. of vacancies reported to UPSC	No. of dossiers received in GSI	No. of candidates joined
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2006	100	94	71
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2007	175	175	148
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2008	209	209	178
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2009 300 289 231

2010 286 232 187 (till date)

2011 300 Medical examination held on 17.12.2012 and  
allocation is under process

2012 50 Examination held. Result is yet to be published.