

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4281
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BASIC FACILITIES IN CIC SIC OFFICES
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recently held fourth anniversary convention of the Information Commissioners has highlighted the problems faced by the CIC and its State units in terms of sparse office premises, lack of basic office equipments and manpower including low budgetary provisions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to provide CIC and SIC Offices with basic amenities and manpower in commensurate with the volume of complaints received and handle by them?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (Independent Charge) IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; MINISTER OF THE STATE (Independent Charge) IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCE; MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE; MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS; AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS. (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The Central Government has sanctioned 116 posts for the Central Information Commission. The Commission has constituted a Committee to assess its staff requirement. The Government shall examine the report of the Committee as and when received. The Commission has been allotted space in Delhi. A plot of land has also been allotted for construction of a building of the Commission. Staffing and providing accommodation and other facilities to the State Information Commissions are the responsibilities of the State Governments. However, the Central Government is providing some assistance for the IT enablement of the State Information Commissions under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme.