

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2755

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FUNCTIONING OF ICMR

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

(a) whether alleged financial irregularities and contravention of rules/ procedures in the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and certain institutes thereunder including the National JALMA Institute of Leprosy and other Mycobacterial Diseases, Agra has come to the notice of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed by the Government thereon;

(c) whether a number of posts in ICMR and institutions thereunder are vacant;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to streamline the functioning of ICMR and the institutes thereunder and fill up the vacancies therein at the earliest?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): ICMR has informed that allegations about financial irregularities and contravention of rules/procedure in some Institutes under ICMR like National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad, Regional Medical Research Centre, Jabalpur, National Institute of Research in Tuberculosis, Chennai; National JALMA Institute of Leprosy and other Mycobacterial Disease, Agra etc were received. However, these allegations were found to be false/baseless on inquiring in detail.

(c) to (e): Yes, there are 273 vacant posts in ICMR and its institutes. The matter of filling up of these posts are at various stages as under:

i) Appointment orders have been issued for 113 posts;

ii) Action taken in respect of balance 160 posts are given below:-

a) Departmental Exam and interview held for 20 posts of Scientist-B and result is awaited;

b) Written test is being proposed during March 2014 for filling up 35 posts of Scientist B.

c) 15 posts are proposed to be advertised.

d) 90 posts are at various stages of filling like screening, personal discussion, character verification, etc.

ICMR has introduced e-governance for transparency and streamlining functioning of its Institutes/Centres.