

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether several posts of scientists and researchers are lying vacant in Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI);
- (b) if so, the details of existing posts lying vacant in these research institutions and the steps taken by the Government to fill up these posts;
- (c) whether the Government has revitalized/ proposes to revitalise these research institutions to enable them to provide farmers with latest technology in the field of agriculture;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of notable achievements made during the last one year by these research institutions?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b): Presently, there are 1782 vacant positions of scientists in various research institutes under Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). In Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) 132 positions of scientists are vacant. The details of vacant positions are:-

Scientist: 1114  
Senior Scientist: 600  
Principal Scientist: 68

Recruitment of scientist is a continuous process and steps have been initiated to get these vacancies filled up on priority basis through Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board (ASRB). The recruitment of 295 scientists are in advanced state of process.

(c) & (d): Yes, during XII Plan ICAR has initiated 16 Consortia Research Platforms in the cutting edge areas of research with an outlay of 1651.80 crore for finding customized solution to specific long standing problems in addition to existing research activities.

Five key research programme viz. Improved rice productivity under low light intensity, C3-C4 intermediate pathway in Poaceae, Genetic modifications to improve biological nitrogen fixation, Molecular genetic analysis of resistance/tolerance to different stresses and Semen sexing in cattle have also been approved during XII Plan.

(e) The details are Annexed.