

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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VACANT POSTS IN TOP AGRICULTURE INSTITUTES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that top farm institutes in the country including ICAR, IARI, etc. are functioning without a Head;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, institute-wise and the time since when these institutes were headless and the reasons for such vacancies therefor;
- (c) whether this has resulted in delay in decision making and affects farm output; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to fill up all these vacant posts in the top agriculture institutes?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Yes Madam. Of the 108 Research institutes of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), at present 17 institutes including Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) is functioning without a regular Director. The specific details are annexed.
- (c) No, Madam. As a policy, officiating arrangements are made with immediate effect as per approved guidelines and established practice to ensure continuity in the activities of the institutes.
- (d) All these vacant positions are to be got filled up through the Agricultural Scientists' Recruitment Board (ASRB), an independent recruiting body duly constituted with the approval of the Cabinet. Requisitions have been forwarded to the ASRB to get these vacancies filled up on top priority basis as detailed in the Annexure.