

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

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PERMANENT HEAD FOR CSIR  
Chautala Shri Dushyant

**Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the country's scientific agency Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has been functioning without a formal head for more than a year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the absence of a permanent head for so long has affected the functioning of the premier scientific body; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to fill up the post?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The post of Director General, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is vacant since 01.01.2014. However, the charge arrangement for the post has been continuing since 01st January, 2014.

(c) To some extent, particularly where the rules provide for DG, CSIR and Secretary, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research as ex-officio member in various Search-cum-Selection Committees viz. absorption Committee for Directors, Search-cum-Selection Committees for Outstanding Scientist / Distinguished Scientist and Outstanding Scientist (Scientist and Technologist of Indian Origin) etc.

(d) The position has been advertised and the process of selection is currently on.