

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Geological Survey of India(GSI) is facing shortage of manpower and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether GSI is not equipped with modern machineries and technology for assessment of natural resources in the country; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government to modernise GSI?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINES, STEEL AND LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a) Geological Survey of India (GSI) is facing shortage of manpower at present. Details of the sanctioned and filled in strengths of GSI as on 31.03.2014 are given in the Annexure – I.

(b) GSI is presently equipped with several modern machineries and techniques for carrying out ground, aerial and marine surveys and analyses of rocks and minerals. However, development of equipment and technology is a dynamic process which continuously changes with new technology and more high precision equipments which are developed through advanced research. GSI tries to keep abreast of these new developments in Geosciences.

(c) The Government of India, Ministry of Mines had formed a High Power Committee (HPC) to examine and restructure GSI to make it a world class organization. The HPC recommendations were approved by the Cabinet on 25.10.2011. With the recommendation of HPC, GSI was reorganized and the sanctioned strength of manpower was increased from 11,420 to 12,369. GSI is taking action to fill up the vacancies in a phased manner which is to be completed by 2018.

Steps have been taken by the Government to make GSI a world class organization with cutting edge technology and state-of-the-art equipments. Towards this end Ministry of Mines on 30.6.2009 had formed a Modernization Committee to look into the requirements of technology and equipments for GSI. The Modernization Committee submitted its report after peer reviewing in August, 2011 for implementation. GSI is carrying out its modernization according to the projections made in the Modernization Committee Report.