

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA**

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Shortage of Scientists

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of expert scientists in various regional offices of the Ministry and projects are not being monitored properly;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether against the forty one sanctioned posts of scientists in the regional offices of the Ministry only fifteen posts are filled; and
- (d) if so, the measures being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the situation, filling the vacant posts and ensure proper monitoring of environment related schemes of the Ministry?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a), (b), (c) and (d): There are 99 sanctioned posts of Scientists in various grades in the Ministry, out of which 82 are filled up at present. Pre-appointment formalities in respect of 4 posts have already been initiated. The recruitment process in respect of the remaining 13 posts has also started. These Scientists are deployed in various Divisions/Offices (including Regional Offices) depending upon functional requirements so that the work is not hampered.

Ministry takes all necessary steps to monitor the projects under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. As against the target of 1248 projects, a total of 1341 projects were monitored during the year 2016-17 for follow up implementation of conditions and safeguards laid down for projects/activities under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
