

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1032

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4TH MARCH, 2015/PHALGUNA 13,1936 (SAKA)

SHORTAGE OF MANPOWER IN NIA

1032. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Investigation Agency (NIA) is grappling with an acute shortage of manpower, while its vision document for expansion of infrastructure and manpower is still pending with Government;

(b) whether the NIA has become top heavy since it was conceived as an officer-oriented agency like CBI while its core competency requires adequate number of constables/inspectors to slog it out in the field; and

(c) whether due to current manpower shortage, it had to divert some personnel from its investigative wing to handle routine desk jobs?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) to (d): NIA had submitted a "Vision Document" in which NIA proposed for creation of 1322 additional posts. The proposal of NIA was examined by this Ministry and observed that out the sanctioned strength of 816 a substantial number of posts have not been filled up (254). Therefore, MHA vide UO.No.11034/23/2010.PF.III dated 07/08/2014, NIA was advised to fill up the vacant posts first. The branch wise sanctioned/posted strength of NIA as on 13/02/2015 are as under:-

.....2/-

<pre>

| Name of Office | Sanctioned | Posted | Vacancy |
|----------------|------------|--------|---------|
| NIA Hqr, Delhi | 343 | 284 | 59 |
| BO Mumbai | 95 | 57 | 38 |
| BO Hyderabad | 110 | 81 | 29 |
| BO Guwahati | 87 | 56 | 31 |
| BO Lucknow | 71 | 55 | 16 |
| BO Kolkata | 81 | 17 | 64 |
| BO Kochi | 29 | 29 | 0 |
| Total | 816 | 579 | 237 |

</pre>

The most of the cases being investigated by NIA are under the provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act 1967 which mandate investigation by an officer of the rank of Deputy Superintendent of Police and above.

The posts sanctioned for each Branch Offices of NIA include posts for Executive, Ministerial, IT wing, Law Officers, Technical wing and other wings.
