

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:888
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FORENSIC LABORATORIES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a shortage of forensic laboratories in the country ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the total number of forensic laboratories set up in the country as on date, State-wise and Union Territory-wise ;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of forensic laboratories in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details and steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to set up more forensic laboratories?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) All States and Union Territories have forensic science laboratories except Goa, Sikkim, Puducherry, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu and Lakshadweep.

(b) At Central Government level

Under Directorate of Forensic Science

Central Forensic Science Laboratories - 3 (Located at Hyderabad, Chandigarh, Kolkata)

Government Examiners of Questioned Document - 3

(Located at Hyderabad, Shimla & Kolkata)

Under Central Bureau of Investigations

Central Forensic Science Laboratory - 1

(Located at New Delhi)

At State/Union Territory level

State/Union Territory Forensic Science Laboratories - 28

Regional Forensic Science laboratories and District Forensic Science Laboratories - 45

Mobile Forensic Science Units - 316

(State/Union Territory wise information is at Annexure)

(c) & (d): Under the scheme of Modernisation of the State Police Forces (MPF Scheme) funds are provided for procurement of equipments and construction of laboratory buildings including setting up of new laboratories on receipt of proposals from State Governments.