

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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LABORATORIES FOR ANIMAL DISEASES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of High Security Animal Disease laboratories functioning in the country as on date;
- (b) whether there is an acute shortage of such laboratories in the country;
- (c) if so, whether the Government proposes to establish more such laboratories in the country in view of frequent outbreak of animal diseases; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) One such laboratory is functioning in the country at Bhopal - a unit of Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c)&(d): The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fishery is planning to set up/upgrade one more Bio-Safety Level (BSL)-IV laboratory. In addition, six BSL-III and 23 BSL-II laboratories are also proposed under enhancement and up-gradation under laboratory intelligence programme through World Bank assistance. Out of six BSL-III laboratories, 4 are pre-fabricated and proposed to be setup at Guwahati, Pune, Jalandhar and Bareilly and 2 are constructed BSL-III laboratories proposed at Kolkata and Bangalore.

BSL-II facilities are proposed to be created by addition/alteration and up gradation of existing laboratories in different States.