

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF WATER TESTING LABORATORIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering any proposal to set up water testing laboratory in each district of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposals from certain States regarding setting up of water testing laboratory in each district;
- (d) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (e) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e): The Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission set up under the Ministry of Rural Development envisages setting up of one water testing laboratory in each district in the country for water quality testing and financial assistance to the extent of Rs.4 lakh for district laboratory in each district is provided under the above scheme. So far, the Government of India has sanctioned 430 district level laboratories for water testing under this programme. Proposals for setting up district water quality testing laboratories where the same are not available, have been received by the Ministry of Rural Development from Jammu & Kashmir, Mizoram, Madhya Pradesh and Punjab.