

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4749  
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INACCURACY OF THE DIAGNOSTIC TESTS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether according to a report of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) that due to the inaccuracy of the diagnostic tests suggested by the doctors to patients before medication, the patients have to consume medicines unnecessarily;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken any decision to ensure accuracy of such diagnostic tests for patients; and
- (c) if so, the time by which it will be implemented?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI S. GANDHISELVAN)

(a) to (c) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has informed that they are not aware of any report in which it has been found that the inaccuracy of the diagnostic tests suggested by doctors to patients before medication, the patients have to consume medicines unnecessarily. The Department of Science and Technology has established the National Accreditation Board of Laboratories (NABL), a Government- funded society, for accreditation of clinical laboratories doing diagnostic test.