

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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FORENSIC SCIENCE LABORATORIES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Forensic Science Laboratories functioning in the country, as on date, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to set up more/new laboratories in the country including Coimbatore; and
- (c) if so, the time by which such laboratories are likely to be set-up alongwith the funds likely to be incurred?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a): As on date the total number of Central/State/Regional Forensic Science Laboratories and District Mobile Forensic Units in the country are as under:-

- 1. Central Forensic Science Laboratories (CFSLs) : 04
- 2. Govt. Examiner of Questioned document (GEsQD) : 03
- 3. State Forensic Science Laboratories (SFSLs) : 29
- 4. Regional Forensic Science Laboratories (RFSLs) : 50
- 5. District Mobile Forensic Units (DMFUs) : 342
(State-wise list is at Annexure.)

(b) to (c): Under the 11th Five Year Plan, the following Schemes of Directorate of Forensic Science (DFS) have been approved for implementation viz:-

- (i) Composite Scheme on "Modernization of Forensic Science Applications" for DFS and its outlying units-outlay Rs. 200 crores.
- (ii) Composite Centrally Sponsored Plan Scheme of "Creation of Regional Forensic Science Laboratories (RFSLs) and District Mobile Forensic Units (DMFUs) for States and Union Territories-Outlay Rs. 100 crores.

The Composite Scheme on "Modernization of Forensic Science Application" inter-alia contains the schemes of establishment of New Hi-Tech Central Forensic Science Laboratories (CFSLs) and Government Examiners of Questioned Documents (GEsQD) at Pune, Bhopal and Guwahati with a financial outlay of Rs.42.60 crores, during the 11th Five Year Plan.

Similarly under the scheme of "Creation of Regional Forensic Science Laboratories (RFSLs) and District Mobile Forensic Units (DMFUs)", establishment of RFSLs in Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Sikkim, Uttarakhand and Puducherry with total allocation of Rs.48 crores and establishment of 52 District Mobile Forensic Science Units in various States/Union Territories at total cost of Rs. 52 crores have been approved. Coimbatore, Kerala has not been included in the plan of setting up of new laboratories during the 11th Five Year Plan.

