

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

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VIROLOGY INSTITUTES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the functioning of virology institutes in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken for the upgradation of the virology institutes, especially the National Virology Institute, Alappuzha?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): The Government has not assessed the functioning of Virology institutes in the country.
- (c): The National Institute of Virology (NIV), Kerala has been established by the State Government. However, a unit of the NIV has been established in 2008 in Alappuzha to address problems of viral diseases in Kerala.