

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

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EPIDEMICS IN KERALA

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

(a) whether the Government has received representations from States including Kerala to increase medical infrastructure for tackling emergency situations during an epidemic;and

(b) if so, the details thereof and actions taken by the Government thereon?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRVEDI)

(a)&(b): Except for pandemic Influenza A H1N1 (Swine Flu), no epidemic has been declared in recent times. Representations were received from Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Orissa and Bihar to strengthen laboratory infrastructure to test samples of Pandemic Influenza A H1N1 virus. The following laboratories in their respective States were strengthened to test the virus.

Kerala    Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology, Thycaud PO, Poojappura,  
            Thiruvananthapuram.

Kasturba Medical College, Manipal (for testing samples from  
North kerala and Karnataka)

Tamil Nadu    King Institute of Preventive Medicine, Guindy, Chennai.

Punjab    Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Sector-12,  
            Chandigarh

Orissa    Regional Medical Research Centre, Chandrasekharpur, Nandankanan Road,  
            Bhubaneswar

Bihar    Rajendra Memorial Research Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna