

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FOOD TESTING LABORATORIES

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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up the Food Testing Laboratory at the National Meat & Poultry Processing Board in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the salient features of the said laboratory;
- (c) the extent to which entrepreneurs of the meat and poultry processing industries will be benefited by the said laboratory and the NMPP Board;
- (d) the details of the expenditure incurred in setting up of the Food Testing Laboratory;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to set up such laboratories in other parts of the country;
- (f) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (g) the time by which each of such laboratory is likely to be set up/operational ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES(SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHA)

(a): Yes Sir, The National Meat and Poultry Processing Board has recently set up its first food testing laboratory in New Delhi. It was inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister for Food Processing Industries on 03-11-2010.

(b): The laboratory has world-class facilities including latest hi-tech analytical instruments to undertake all types of microbiological and chemical tests. The laboratory is capable of analyzing samples for undertaking any test that might be required to meet the stringent international quality regulations.

(c): The Laboratory shall cater to the needs of the entrepreneurs, research students, academicians, farmers, exporters and importers of meat products and state and central agencies dealing with meat processing areas.

(d): The total budgeted cost for setting up the laboratory is Rs.470.27 Lakhs. As against this, an amount of Rs.286.00 lakhs has been released till date.

(e) & (f): Yes, Sir. NMPPB proposes to set up five additional laboratories across the country. The location would be decided after assessing the requirements through appropriate demand analysis and consultations with stake- holders.

Apart from this, during the 11th Plan, the Ministry has a target of setting up/upgradation of 74 Food Testing Labs in different parts of the country with a total grant-in-aid of Rs.84 crore. State-wise details of the labs assisted during 11th plan (upto 22/11/2010) are as under :-

Number of States covered
labs

1 A.P., Assam, Gujarat, Haryana, Kerala,
Tamilnadu, Tripura & UP

2 Delhi, West Bengal

3 Maharashtra

(g): The .expected project completion period of such laboratories is 18 months.