

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1966  
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WATER TESTING LABORATORIES  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is any central scheme to provide financial assistance to States and Union Territories for setting up Water Testing Laboratories at district levels;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether all the districts in Gujarat particularly in the district of Amreli, Mehsana, Surat, Rajkot and Vadora have been covered under the scheme and got water testing laboratories established;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the time by which the water testing laboratories are likely to be established in these districts?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MS. AGATHA SANGMA)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. Under National Rural Drinking Water Programme, the Government of India has been providing assistance to the States/Union Territories (UTs) under support activities to set up district water quality testing laboratories in all rural districts, where such a facility is not available.

(c) & (d) Based on the online data reported on the Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) by the State, district level water testing laboratories have been set up in all the districts in the State of Gujarat including in the districts of Amreli, Mehsana, Surat, Rajkot and Vadodara.

(e) & (f) Do not arise.