

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4528  
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BIO-AGENT LABORATORIES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any proposal has been received from the State Governments in regard to setting up of bio-agent laboratories;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the proposed laboratories are likely to be set up?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Three proposals have been received in the current financial year for setting up State Bio-Control Laboratories (SBCL) under the Central Sector Scheme `Strengthening and Modernization of Pest Management Approach` from States of Meghalaya, Mizoram and Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Further, project proposals for setting up biocontrol laboratories under centrally sponsored `National Horticulture Mission` received from Gujarat (2), Karnataka (1), Kerala (2) and Maharashtra (1) have been sanctioned during 2010-11.

(c): Once approval is accorded it normally takes about one and a half years to set up a laboratory.