

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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WATER QUALITY TESTING LABORATORIES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government is providing financial and technical assistance to the State Government including Maharashtra for testing the quality of drinking water being provided in the rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to establish Drinking Water Quality Testing Laboratories in every district of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) the number of such Laboratories existing in the country as on date, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): Yes Sir. The Government of India has been providing assistance to the States/ Union Territories (UTs) to set up district water quality testing laboratories in all such districts, where such a facility is not available. So far, the Department of Drinking Water Supply has sanctioned 464 district water quality testing laboratories throughout the country including 3 such laboratories in Maharashtra. Another 164 quality water testing laboratories have been set up by the respective State Governments/ UT Administrations. In Maharashtra, 27 district level water quality testing laboratories have been set up by the State Government. In addition, 15 water quality testing laboratories have been established in different States with the support of other agencies. As reported, State/ UT wise details of water quality testing laboratories sanctioned and established, are annexed.