

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

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VIROLOGY LABORATORIES

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

- (a) whether the Government has prepared a programme for establishment of a virology network including a virology laboratory in each State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the name of the place identified for the purpose, State/UT-wise including Gujarat;
- (c) the time by when virology laboratories are likely to start functioning in the country including Gujarat;
- (d) whether the Government has received any proposals from the State Governments in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof during the last three years alongwith the action taken/ proposed thereon, State/UT-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

(a)&(b) Yes. Recognizing the need for strengthening diagnostic facilities for diagnosis of viral infections, the Department of Health Research has prepared a programme for strengthening virology laboratories in various parts of the country in a phased manner. Three categories of Virology Diagnostic Laboratories (VDL) are proposed

Grade I laboratory (highest facility under this system) it is proposed to set up one grade 1 lab in each state

At 1-2 Grade II will be established in each state.

At least 2-3 Grade III laboratories will be established in each state.

However the number and places of Institutions finally established will depend upon number of factors including inter-alia on 12th Plan out lay for the scheme and securing of mandatory clearances.

(c)to(e) No time line can be fixed due to constraint mentioned in (a) & (b).

A proposal for establishing State Laboratory in Gujarat at B.J. Medical College Ahmedabad has been received from the State Government.