

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF WATER TESTING LAB
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up Water Testing Labs in each districts of the country particularly in Gadchiroli-Chimur area and other tribal areas of Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

- (a) to (c) As reported by the Department of Health Services, Maharashtra, there are 30 water testing District level laboratories, one in each District of Maharashtra. The laboratory at Pune District works as State Public Health laboratory. There are two regional level laboratories at Nagpur and Aurangabad and the remaining 27 are at each remaining Districts.
- For water quality monitoring, 375 mini laboratories have been established at rural hospitals which work as Taluka level laboratories. In Gadchiroli District, Public Health Laboratory as well as mini laboratories at Sironcha, Aheri, Ettapalli, Dhanora, Kurkheda, Armori and Charmoshi analyze water samples for bacteriological parameters. In Chandrapur District, Public Health Laboratory as well as mini laboratories at Rajura, Gaudpimpri, Mul, Nagbhid, Sindewahi, Bramhapuri, Chimur, Warora, Bhadrawati analyze water samples for bacteriological parameters.
- The list of water testing laboratories in the tribal areas of Maharashtra is at Annexure