

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
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WATER TESTING LABORATORIES
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government provides assistance for setting up of Water Testing Laboratories (WTLs) at district levels;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether WTLs have been established in all the districts of Gujarat;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of districts where WTL have not been established in Gujarat indicating the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the time by which WTLs are likely to be established in these districts?

Answer

MINISTER OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b): Government of India assists the State Governments technically and financially through the centrally sponsored National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) for providing safe drinking water in the rural areas of the country. Under NRDWP, upto 3% of the allocation made to States could be utilized for Water Quality Monitoring & Surveillance activities which interalia include setting up of new district and sub-district laboratories and upgradation of existing laboratories.

(c) & (d): As reported by the Government of Gujarat in the online Integrated Management Information System (1MIS), district water quality testing laboratory has been established in all 26 districts in the State. Further, 15 block/sub-district water quality testing laboratories have also been reported to be established. District-wise details of laboratories set up in Gujarat is at Annexure.

(e) & (f): Does not arise.