

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

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SWINE FLU TEST

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

- (a) the accuracy rate to detect the cases of Swine Flu in the laboratories set up across the country and the number of cases so far detected by them;
- (b) whether the Government has received complaints against the private laboratories charging high and varying rates for conducting Swine Flu test across the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to regulate the charges at reasonable rate for conducting Swine Flu test in private laboratories; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

- (a) The personnel from the identified laboratories have been trained to do RTPCR test for Influenza A H1N1. The laboratories identified by Ministry of Health & FW are given a panel of samples to verify whether they can carry out the test properly. 100% concordance in the result of the test was necessary before allowing such laboratories to test clinical samples. 15550 cases have been confirmed by the identified laboratories(as on 16.11.2009).
- (b): No.
- (c): Question does not arise.
- (d) & (e): No such proposal is under consideration.