

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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FERTILIZER QUALITY TESTING LABORATORIES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Fertilizer Quality Testing laboratories functioning in the country 1 out of which the number of such laboratories under the control of the Union Government;
- (b) the locations at which the laboratories under the control of the Union Government are situated; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Union Government to set up such laboratories in Punjab also?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SR1KANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) to (c): There are 74 fertilizer testing laboratories in the country and out of which four laboratories namely, Central Fertilizer Quality Control & Training Institute at Faridabad and three Regional Fertilizer Quality Control Laboratories at Kalyani (in West Bengal), Mumbai and Chennai are of Central Government. The rest of the laboratories are of the State Governments. In Punjab, there are, at present, two State Government's laboratories at Ludhiana and Faridkot. Under the scheme National Project on Management of Soil Health and Fertility, provides assistance to the State Government for setting of the Fertilizer Quality Control Laboratories. The Government of India has provided assistance to the State Government of Punjab for establishing the State Fertilizer Quality Control Laboratory at Gurdaspur.