

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

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

- (a) the number of virology institutes in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up new virology institutes and strengthen certain existing institutes/laboratories in various parts of the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof indicating the locations/laboratories identified therefor and funds earmarked/allocated for the purpose, State/UT-wise 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 along with the action taken/ proposed by the Government thereon, State/UT-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ABU HASEM KHAN CHOUDHURY)

(a) The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has informed that 2 apex laboratories in the country working on viral diseases are:

1. National Institute of Virology at Pune (Maharashtra) and
2. National Centre for Diseases Control.

In addition, other Institutes under ICMR working on Viral Diseases are:

National Institute of AIDS Research, Pune, (Maharashtra), Virus Unit, Kolkata, (West Bengal) Enterovirus Research Centre, Mumbai, (Maharashtra), Centre for Research in Medical Entomology, Madurai, (Tamil Nadu), National Institute of Cholera & Enteric Diseases, Kolkata (West Bengal), National Institute of Research in Tuberculosis, Chennai (Tamil Nadu), Regional Medical Research Centres (RMRC) at Jabalpur, (Madhya Pradesh) Portblair (Andaman & Nicobar), Bhubaneswar (Orissa) and Desert Medical Research Centre, Jodhpur (Rajasthan).

(b) & (c): Following action has been taken to strengthen/establish virology laboratories:

i. Eight Grade I laboratories have been established at King George Medical University, Lucknow, (Uttar Pradesh), Kasturba Medical College, Manipal (Karnataka) and Regional Medical Research Centres at Portblair (Andaman & Nicobar) and Bhubaneswar (Orissa), SMS Medical College, Jaipur (Rajasthan), NIV Field Unit at Allapuzha, (Kerala), Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology, (Kerala) and King Institute of Preventive Medicine, Chennai, (Tamil Nadu).

ii. Four Grade II labs have been established at Regional Medical Research Centre at Jabalpur, (Madhya Pradesh) Rajendra Memorial Research Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna, (Bihar), Andhra Medical College, Visakhapatnam, (Andhra Pradesh) and Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences, Ranchi, (Jharkhand).

iii. One Grade III lab has been established at Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru Memorial Medical College, Raipur (Chhattisgarh).

iv. Nine more laboratories in the current financial year (2012-13) are proposed at the following places:

1. Regional Medical Research Center, Dibrugarh, Assam
2. Govt. Medical College, Agartala, Tripura
3. BJ Medical College, Ahmedabad, Gujarat
4. Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir

5. Indira Gandhi Medical College, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh
6. Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research, Pondicherry
7. Osmania Medical College, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh
8. ICMR Virus Unit, Kolkata, West Bengal
9. Govt. Medical College, Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir

An amount of Rs. 10 Crore has been earmarked in the current financial year.

(d) & (e): On one proposal of the State of Bihar, no final decision has been taken.