

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3679
ANSWERED ON:19.03.2013
CENTRAL FORENSIC SCIENCE LABORATORIES
Owaisi Shri Asaduddin

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Central Forensic Science Laboratories functioning in the country, location-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to modernise and upgrade the equipment of forensic science laboratories;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the total funds granted and utilised in this regard;
- (d) whether there is acute shortage of staff and infrastructure in these laboratories and if so, the details thereof including the sanctioned and the actual strength in each laboratory; and
- (e) the steps taken to increase the staff strength and open more forensic laboratories in view of the increasing crimes in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a): There are seven Central Forensic Science Laboratories functioning in the country. Six Central Forensic Science Laboratories (CFSL) are under Directorate of Forensic Science Services, Out of which three CFSLs are at Kolkata, Chandigarh & Hyderabad and three upcoming Hi-tech CFSLs are located at Pune, Bhopal and Guwahati. Apart from this one Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CBI) is located in New Delhi.

(b) & (c): Yes, Government has proposed for upgradation and creation of new Divisions in the existing CFSLs at Kolkata, Hyderabad and Chandigarh under XII Five Year Plan. Upgradation of equipments has also been proposed in the XII Plan Scheme of Directorate of Forensic Science Services.

An amount of Rs. 216.16 crore has been sanctioned for establishment of new high-tech Central Forensic Science Laboratories at Pune, Bhopal and Guwahati and an amount of Rs. 22.68 crore has been sanctioned for creation of new Forensic Divisions and upgradation of existing Divisions at CFSL Chandigarh, Kolkata and Hyderabad under 12th Five Year Plan Scheme.

(d) & (e): Detail of staff with existing vacancies is at Annexure-A. Directorate of Forensic Science Services is undertaking a continuous process for filling up of regular posts by promotion and direct recruitment. Efforts are also being made to fill up some posts with contractual staff. As regards the infrastructure, the new complex of CFSL Kolkata is being established at Rajarhaat and an expansion of CFSL complex at Chandigarh is under process during XII Five Year Plan. Land has been acquired at CFSL Pune, Bhopal and Guwahati. Manpower and Budget for establishment of New Hi-tech CFSLs at Pune, Bhopal and Guwahati are placed at Annexure-B.