

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
LOK SABHA**

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WATER QUALITY TESTING LABORATORY
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to establish water quality testing laboratories in every district of the country including Chhattisgarh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof State/UT wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI)

(a) & (b) Drinking water supply is a State subject. Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments with technical and financial assistance for provision of safe drinking water supply in the rural areas of the country under the centrally sponsored National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP). 3% of funds allocated to all the States including Chhattisgarh under NRDWP are earmarked for water quality monitoring and surveillance activities on a 100% Central share basis which, inter alia, includes testing of drinking water sources at the Panchayat level by using simple field test kits, upgrading of existing water quality testing laboratories and setting up of new State/district /sub-district water quality testing laboratories wherever such facility is not available or needed. Number of water quality testing laboratories reported to be set up/informed by the State/UT Governments into the online Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of the Ministry as on 1/4/2013 is at Annexure.