

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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VIROLOGY INSTITUTES

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

- (a) the details of virology institutes functional in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to setup 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 there for and funds earmarked/allocated for the purpose, State/UT-wise including Gujarat and Lakshadweep;
- (d) whether the Government has received any proposal from the States/UTs in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed by the Government thereon during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a): There are two existing Apex Institutes of Viral investigations and research in the country as given below:

- i) ICMR's National Institute of Virology at Pune, Maharashtra and its three field stations at Bangalore, Gorakhpur and Allappuzha.
- ii) National Centre for Diseases Control, Delhi under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

Besides, the following four ICMR Institutes are also working on viruses:

- i) Enterovirus Research Centre, Mumbai, Maharashtra;
- ii) National Institute of Cholera & Enteric Diseases, Kolkata, West Bengal;
- iii) National AIDS Research Institute, Pune, Maharashtra
- iv) Virus Unit, Kolkata.

ICMR has also funded establishment of 15 Viral Diagnostic Laboratories in the project mode.

(b)&(c): Presently, there is no proposal to set up full-fledged new Virology Institutes in the Country. However, a scheme has been recently approved by the Government, namely, "Establishment of a Network of Laboratories for Managing Epidemics and Natural Calamities" under which it is proposed to establish 10 Regional Labs, 30 State Level Labs and 120 Medical College Level Labs in the country during the 12th Plan period, in a phased manner.

Details of the proposed location is placed at Annexure I & II.

No State/UT wise allocation of funds has been earmarked under the scheme. The expenditure under the scheme is estimated to be Rs. 646.83 crore comprising central share of Rs. 485.13 Crore and State share of Rs. 161.70 Crore.

(d) & (e): The details of proposals received from the States/UTs for establishment of Viral Diagnostic Labs under the aforesaid scheme are given in Annexure-III. The establishment of State level Virology Diagnostic Labs and State Medical College Labs have already been approved by the Government during the current financial year. The sanctioned State Level & Medical College Labs are as under:

State level Labs:

- 1) Indira Gandhi Medical College, Shimla (Himachal Pradesh)

2) Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, Srinagar (Jammu & Kashmir)

3) B.J.Medical College, Ahmedabad (Gujarat)

Medical College Labs:

1) Govt. Medical College, Jammu (Jammu & Kashmir) Osmania Medical College, Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh)