

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

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MEDICAL DEVICE TESTING LABORATORIES

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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has decided to set up medical device testing laboratories in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the location thereof;
- (c) the funds allocated/sanctioned by the Government for the purpose;
- (d) the benefits likely to be accrued to the domestic manufacturing sector thereby; and
- (e) the time by which such laboratories are likely to become functional?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) to (e): No, Madam. There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to set up common testing laboratories in the country. Department of Commerce has proposed to the Government of Gujarat and the Government of Haryana that they can take initiatives to set up Common Lab. facilities for Medical Devices & Diagnostic equipments in their States for which funding under Assistance to States for Infrastructure Development of Exports (ASIDE) scheme of Department of Commerce may be provided subject to satisfying the terms of the scheme.