

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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Virology Institutes

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

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/upgrade existing institutes/ laboratories at various levels in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the funds earmarked/allocated for the purpose and the time by which the work is likely to be completed, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government has received any proposal from certain States/ UTs in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government thereon during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

**Answer**

(a): National Institute of Virology at Pune, Maharashtra is Apex Institute for viral investigations and research in the country. It also has three field stations at Bangalore (Karnataka), Gorakhpur (U.P.) and Alappuzha (Kerala).

Besides, the following Institutes of Department of Health Research 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) ICMR's Virus Unit, Kolkata
- v) Regional AIDS Research Institute Centre, Bhubaneshwar
- vi) Regional Medical Research Centre, Dibrugarh
- vii) Regional Medical Research Centre, Jabalpur
- viii) Regional Medical Research Centre, Port Blair
- ix) Desert Medical Research Centre, Jodhpur
- x) Rajendra Memorial Research Institute of Medical Sciences, Patna
- xi) Centre for Research in Medical Entomology, Madurai.

(b) & (c): Department of Health Research has launched a scheme namely, "Establishment of a Network of Laboratories for Managing Epidemics and Natural Calamities" for setting up of three tier Virology Research & Diagnostic Laboratories VRDLs viz Regional Level, State Level and Medical College Level Laboratories in the country during the 12th plan period. The Regional Labs are set up in the various Central Institutes/State AIIMS, etc. The State Level & Medical College Level Labs are established in the Government Medical Colleges of various States/UTs.

No State/UT-wise allocation of funds is earmarked under the scheme. Funds are sanctioned for each category of Lab as per the approved norms under the scheme and budgetary allocations.

(d) & (e): Based on the proposals received from the various States/UTs, for establishment of virology laboratories, 51 Viral Research & Diagnostic Laboratories which includes 5 Regional Level, 11 State Level and 35 Medical College Level laboratories have been sanctioned by the Department of Health Research. The list of these VRDLs is given in Annexure.

