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

- (a) the details of the specialized Virus Research and Diagnostic Laboratories (VRDL) in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to create a network of regional laboratories, State level laboratories, medical college laboratories for timely diagnosis and management of viral outbreaks in the country during the 12th Plan period;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the financial and operational modalities worked out for the purpose, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the number of them likely to be made operational during the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) to (c): The Indian Council of Medical Research has informed that so far 14 Virus Research and Diagnostic Laboratories (VRDL) have been established by the Council. The detailed list of VRDLs funded by ICMR is placed at Annexure-I.

Yes. The Department of Health Research (DHR) has launched a scheme on "Establishment of a network of Laboratories for Managing Epidemics and Natural Calamities" for implementation during 12th Plan Period. The target under the scheme is for 10 Regional Labs, 30 State Level Labs and 120 Medical College level labs. 30 VRDLs have been established under the scheme. The detailed list of VRDLs funded by DHR is placed at Annexure-II.

The funds released under the scheme of establishment of VRDLs during the 2013-14 and 2014-15 are Rs. 34.00 Crores and Rs. 30.00 Crores respectively.

(d): The Approval Committee constituted under the Scheme has approved 51 VRDLs and funds have already been released to 30 VRDLs.