

**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:

- (a) the number of virology institutes operational in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government propose to set up new virology institutes and strengthen/upgrade existing institutes/laboratories in various parts of the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the funds earmarked/allocated for the purpose, State/UT-wise including Gujarat;
- (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

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a): The two existing Apex Institutes for viral investigations and research in the country are as follows: 1. ICMR's National Institute of Virology at Pune, Maharashtra and its three field stations at Bangalore (Karnataka), Gorakhpur (U.P.) and Allappuzha (Kerala) 2. National Center for Diseases Control, Delhi under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

Besides, the following ICMR Institutes also working on viruses:

1. Enterovirus Research Centre, Mumbai, Maharashtra
2. National Institute of Cholera & Enteric Diseases, Kolkata, West Bengal
2. National AIDS Research institute, Pune, Maharashtra
3. Virus Unit, Kolkata
4. Regional Medical Research Centre at Dibrugarh, Bhubaneshwar, Jabalpur and Portblair.

(b) & (c): Presently, there is no proposal to set up full-fledged new Virology Institute in the country. However, a scheme has been approved by the Government in 2013-14, for 12th Plan namely, "Establishment of a Network of Laboratories for Managing Epidemics and Natural Calamities" for establishment of 10 Regional Labs, 30 State Level Labs and 120 Medical College Level Labs in the country, in a phased manner. The Regional Labs would be set up in the various Central Research Institutes/upcoming AIIMS like Institutes in the country. The State Level & Medical College Level Labs would be established in the Government Medical Colleges of various States/UTs.

The scheme provides for establishment of 1 State Level lab and 7 Medical College level labs in the State of Gujarat.

Though total allocation approved for scheme is Rs. 646.83 crores, no State/UT-wise allocation of funds has been earmarked under the scheme, as the funding will depend upon the approval/ sanctioning of proposals and actual budgetary allocations by the Government from time to time.

(d) & (e): Yes. 32 new proposals received during 2014-15 are at various stages of approval as per scheme provisions. Based on the prescribed procedure of processing the proposals under the scheme, the establishment of Viral Diagnostic Labs has been sanctioned in the following Institutes/Medical Colleges during 2013-14:

Regional Labs:

1. PGI Chandigarh (UT)
2. Regional Medical Research Centre (RMRC), ICMR, Dibrugarh (Assam)

State level Labs:

1. Indira Gandhi Medical College, Shimla (HP)
2. Sher-i-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, Srinagar (J&K)
3. B.J. Medical College, Ahmedabad (Gujarat)
4. North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (NEIGRIMS), Shillong, (Meghalaya)

Medical College Level Labs:

1. Govt. Medical College, Jammu (J&K)
2. Osmania Medical College, Hyderabad (AP)
3. PGI, Rohtak (Haryana)
4. Govt. Medical College, Amritsar (Punjab)
5. Dr. S.N. Medical College, Jodhpur (Rajasthan)
6. Indira Gandhi Medical College, Nagpur (Maharashtra)
7. Patna Medical College, Patna. (Bihar)
8. M.P. Shah Medical College, Jamnagar (Gujarat)

Proposals have also been approved in the following Institutions/Medical Colleges, subject to fulfillment of various codal formalities under the scheme:

State level labs:

(1) Gauhati Medical College, Guwahati (Assam)

Medical College Level Labs : (1) Sarojini Naidu Medical College & Hospital, Agra (UP)

(2) G.S.V.M. Medical College, Kanpur (UP)

(3) Uttar Pradesh Rural Institute of Medical Sciences & Research, Saifai, Etawah, (UP)

(4) Govt. Medical College, Thiruvanthapuram (Kerala)