

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 3185
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06th AUGUST, 2021**

NATIONAL CENTRE FOR DISEASE CONTROL

**3185 DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:
SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:
SHRI RATANSINH MAGANSINH RATHOD:
DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:
DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR. S.:
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has approved establishment of new branches of the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) in all States/UTs and if so, the details thereof along with the financial outlay for this purpose;
- (b) the number of NCDC branches presently functioning in the country along with the details of employees working the these centres, State/UT/category-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has laid down any criteria for the appointment of Head of various Departments in NCDC and if so, the details thereof along with the role played by NCDC in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic during first and second wave;
- (d) whether the shortage of Staff has adversely affected the functioning of NCDC and if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken in this regard; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to strengthen NCDC and modernize its laboratories/buildings and infrastructure?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (e):

Government has approved the proposal to strengthen and establish 30 NCDC branches (including strengthening of 8 existing) in country with financial outlay of Rs 548.48 Cr.

National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) is based in Delhi and has, at present, 8 branches as under:

1. Alwar (Rajasthan)
2. Bengaluru (Karnataka)

3. Coonoor (Tamil Nadu)
4. Jagdalpur (Chattisgarh)
5. Kozhikode (Kerala)
6. Patna (Bihar)

7. Rajahmundry (Andhra Pradesh)
8. Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh).

The details of employees working in these centres are placed below:

S No.	Branch	State/ UT	Total
1	Alwar	Rajasthan	14
2	Bengaluru	Karnataka	6
3	Coonoor	Tamil Nadu	8
4	Jagdalpur	Chhattisgarh	3
5	Calicut (Kozhikode)	Kerala	13
6	Patna	Bihar	4
7	Rajahmundry	Andhra Pradesh	15
8	Varanasi	Uttar Pradesh	13

Director, NCDC is the head of the centre. The heads of each division at NCDC are designated by Director NCDC for smooth functioning of the divisions. The senior most Group 'A' Officer of the concerned Division is assigned the duty to work as HOD.

NCDC has played a critical role in terms of disease surveillance, monitoring of community surveillance at the field level and quarantine for COVID-19 management since beginning. Through Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) NCDC supports the surveillance of International travelers with history of exposure/travel to COVID affected countries, quarantine and community surveillance of contacts.

ILI & SARI surveillance cases were detected by active house to house searches by field teams in non-affected areas to detect hidden transmission. NCDC also supports states through epidemiological investigation into super-spreader events.

NCDC also guided the preparation of guidelines for contact tracing, quarantine in home & health facilities, surveillance in containment zones, house to house case search, Trainings at land border crossing, district control room, dead body management, disinfection of health facilities and quarantine centers.

Further, the Institution also supported laboratory testing capacity for COVID-19 through new COBAS-6800, automated RNA extractors and Next Generation Sequencer for Genome sequencing.

Central teams were deployed to various States for cluster containment across the country as and when required besides Sero-surveillance to assess the infection exposure. NCDC is also

the nodal agency for genome sequencing of SARS-CoV-2 including monitoring of the COVID-19 strains in view of the newly emerged variant of SARS-CoV-2.