

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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LABORATORIES FOR TESTING OF BACTERIA
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether various laboratories set up by the Government to test bacteria etc. are ill-equipped to produce quick and accurate analysis ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise ;
- (c) whether such labs are functioning below the international specifications and are unable to give correct and prompt results; and
- (d) if so, the steps the Government proposes to take in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d): Laboratories under the Central Government are well equipped to test bacteria etc & to produce quality results. State Govt. laboratories are also strengthened under various disease control programmes. Under National Surveillance Programme on Communicable Diseases (NCPCD) which was initiated in 1998 and is operational in 101 districts of different States/UTs., strengthening of laboratories is also taken up. In addition, Govt. of India has launched, in a phased manner, the Integrated Disease Surveillance Project, to strengthen and equip all the laboratories for disease surveillance activity.