

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

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TESTING FACILITIES FOR DETECTION OF ANTIBIOTIC RESIDUES
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the testing facilities for detection of very low levels of antibiotic residues in the raw material are not available in sea food processing establishments in the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the measures being taken by the Government to provide testing facilities for detection of antibiotic residues in the raw materials as required by the importers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHA)

(a) to (c): In order to create/upgrade necessary testing facilities, laboratories have been establishment at various places in the country under Government agencies like Marine Products Export Development Authority, Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Export Inspection Agency, Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture etc. Besides, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, also provides financial assistance for setting up and upgradation of Quality Control Laboratories as per the needs.