

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ESTABLISHMENT OF BSL LABORATORIES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has announced that 4 Biosafety level 3 (BSL 3) Laboratories would be established in all four regions of the country to tackle outbreak of diseases such as Avian flu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the places where these are likely to be established;
- (c) the time by which these laboratories are likely to start functioning;
- (d) whether nations first school of Public Health is being established at Ambattur; and
- (e) if so, the time by which the said school is likely to be established?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): Three Bio Safety level-3[BSL-3] laboratories would be established in the country to tackle outbreak of new emerging diseases such as Avian Flu. They will be located at (i) National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi [Directorate General of Health Services], (2) National Institute of Cholera and Enteric Diseases Kolkata and (3) Tuberculosis Research Centre, Chennai [Indian Council of Medical Research]. One BSL 3 laboratory is already functioning at the ICMR's Microbial Containment Complex, Pune.

The laboratories are to be constructed using pre-fabricated materials which would facilitate early commissions.

Indian Council of Medical Research is planning to establish School of Public Health at Ambattur and is expected to be functional from 2006-2007.