

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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WATER QUALITY TESTING LABORATORIES .
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) The name of districts in each State of the country particularly Haryana where water quality testing laboratories have been established so far; and
- (b) The fresh steps taken by the Government to provide field water testing kits to all Gram Panchayats in the country and also to provide them grassroot training on the use of these kits?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA)

(a) The status of district water quality testing laboratories established in the country, as reported by various State/UT Governments is given at Annexure-1. The names of all districts in Haryana where district water quality testing laboratories have been established as reported by the Haryana Government, is given at Annexure-2.

(b) The community based National Rural Drinking Water Quality Monitoring & Surveillance Programme (NRDWQM&SP) was launched in February 2006 wherein grass root level workers at the Gram Panchayat level would test the quality of all drinking water sources in their administrative boundaries and send the positively tested samples to the district water quality testing laboratory for confirmation. During February/March 2006, a total amount of Rs 57.84 crore has been released to all States/UTs for undertaking Information, Education & Communication (IEC) activities, Human Resource Development (HRD) activities and monitoring & surveillance activities. Under the NRDWQM&SP, one field test kit would be provided to each Gram Panchayat with unit cost of upto Rs 2500/- for chemical testing kit and Rs. 18/- for bacteriological kit. Also, as per the guidelines of NRDWQM&SP, two State level officials would be trained by the National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD) under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, which has been identified as the National Referral Institute for providing technical consultancy in the implementation of the Programme. These State level officials would then train district level officials (4 from each district). The trained district level officials would then train the block level officials (5 per block). The trained block level functionaries would train the grassroot level workers at the Gram Panchayat level (5 grassroot workers and one Co-ordinator).