

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF VIROLOGY LABS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the facility of virology laboratory is available across the country ;
- (b) If so, the details thereof, State-wise ;
- (c) Whether the existing labs are fully equipped to meet the emergent situations caused by various diseases like dengue, Sars, Plague, Malaria, Meningitis and Chikungunya ;
- (d) If not, whether the Government proposes to set up more such labs; and
- (e) If so, the details thereof including the location identified for the purpose, State-wise ?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(e) National Institute of Virology, Pune (NIV) alongwith its field stations and National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi (NICD) are the apex advance virology laboratories. Information on State-wise virology laboratories infrastructure is not centrally maintained. NIV, Pune carries tests to diagnose dengue, chikungunya, meningitis and other viral infections. NIV, Pune also supplies diagnostic kits for the detection of Igm anti-dengue and chikungunya virus to the Government and other institutes in the country. NIV is also equipped to meet the emergent situation caused by SARS. Besides, National Institute of Malaria Research, Delhi

(NIMR) through its 10 field stations in different geographical sites, apart from VCRC,Pondicherry and RMRC, Bhubaneshwar, conduct research and develop strategies to control malaria as well as mosquito menace.

The Govt. has identified the following 12 Apex Referral Institutions for advanced diagnosis of Dengue and Chikungunya fever:

- (i) National Institute of Virology, Pune.
- (ii) National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi.
- (iii) National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro-Sciences, Bangalore.
- (iv) Sanjay Gandhi Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow.
- (v) Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Chandigarh.
- (vi) All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi.
- (vii) National Institute of Cholera & Enteric Diseases, Kolkata.
- (viii) Regional Medical Research Centre(ICMR), Dibrugarh.
- (ix) Kings Institute of Preventive Medicines, Chennai.
- (x) Institute of Preventive Medicine, Hyderabad.
- (xi) B. J. Medical College, Ahmedabad.
- (xii) State Virology Institute, Alappuzha, Kerala.