

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURE TESTING LABORATORIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) The number of agriculture testing laboratories for pesticides, fertilizers, micronutrient working at present under the control of the Union and State Governments, location-wise ;
- (b) Whether these laboratories are sufficient to meet the existing needs of the farmers ;
- (c) If not, the steps taken to increase the number and capacity of such laboratories ;
- (d) Whether the Government proposes to invite private sector in this field; and
- (e) If so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

- (a): The number and location of Pesticides Testing Laboratories and Fertilizer Quality Control Laboratories working under the control of Union and the State Governments are provided at Annexures I and II.
- (b)&(c) : The State Governments are advised from time to time to establish/ strengthen Pesticides Testing Laboratories and Fertilizer Quality Control Laboratories, for which financial assistance is made available by the Union Government.
- (d)&(e) : Government is open to allowing the participation of the private sector in the establishment of Pesticides Testing Laboratories provided they fulfill all the duties, responsibilities and obligations prescribed under the Insecticides Act.