

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 496  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2022**

**“HIGH COST OF RT-PCR TESTS”**

**496. DR. M.P. ABDUSSAMAD SAMADANI:**

Will the Minister of HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has taken note that the passengers are compelled to pay high amount for the RT-PCR test that is conducted at the airports;
- (b) If so, the reasons for the higher rate, compared to the test done outside the airport;
- (c) Whether the Government proposes to take necessary steps to make the rate equal to the normal rate which is prevalent outside the airports; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE  
(DR BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

**(a) to (d):** The testing at airports is coordinated by the Ministry of Civil Aviation wherein the rates for RT-PCR / Rapid RT-PCR are primarily either as per the rates notified by the respective State/UTs wherein the airports are located or through a tender by the respective airports.

The rates of testing at airports have also decreased with time with the wider availability of Rapid RT-PCR/RT-PCR machines and reagents across the country.

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