

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1845
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH DECEMBER, 2023**

ESTABLISHMENT OF BSL 3 AND 4 LABORATORIES

1845. SHRI NARESH BANSAL:

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

- (a) whether Government proposed to establish the BSL 3 and the BSL 4 laboratories;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the total number of metropolitan monitoring units proposed under the Pradhan Mantri - Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM)?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(PROF. S.P. SINGH BAGHEL)**

(a) and (b): Department of Health Research (DHR), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has different Central Sector Schemes through which a number of BSL-3 and BSL-4 facilities have been sanctioned/established. The details of laboratories are as follows:

i. Under Scheme 'Setting-up of nation-wide network of laboratories for managing epidemics and national calamities', eleven BSL-3 facilities have been sanctioned/established at different Regional Viral Research and Diagnostic Laboratories (VRDLs).

ii. Under Scheme 'Pradhan Mantri-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission' (PM-ABHIM), two BSL-4 facilities, nine BSL-3 facilities and four Mobile BSL-3 units have been sanctioned/established.

iii. Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), an autonomous body under DHR has sanctioned/established one BSL-4 facility and nine BSL-3 facilities in biosafety laboratories in different ICMR institutions.

iv. Eleven BSL-3 Laboratories and 1 BSL-4 Laboratory have been sanctioned under National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC).

(c): 20 Metropolitan Surveillance Units are proposed under Pradhan Mantri-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM).
