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RAJYA SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 12th MARCH, 2025

VETERINARY LABORATORIES IN THE COUNTRY

1494. Shri Dhananjay Bhimrao Mahadik:

Will the Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying be pleased to state?

- (a) whether Government has taken steps to establish veterinary laboratories with National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) across the country;
- (b) if so, the details of laboratories established, State-wise including Maharashtra;
- (c) whether Government has any plan to enhance the quality and testing capacity of existing veterinary diagnostic laboratories and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government has formulated any policy to encourage private sector participation in veterinary disease surveillance; and
- (e) if so, the details of Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) initiated in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & DAIRYING
((PROF. S.P. SINGH BAGHEL))

(a) Yes. The details of the steps are as follows:

- I. Advisory issued to all States/UTs for the NABL accreditation of the Veterinary laboratories for disease surveillance, control and management of emerging disease threats
- II. Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD) is supporting the states/UTs for establishment and strengthening of veterinary laboratories under Livestock Health and Disease Control programme (LHDCP).
- III. Capacity building, infrastructure enhancement and technical support is also supported under Pandemic Fund Project on “Animal Health Security Strengthening in India for Pandemic Preparedness and Response”

(b) As per the information received from the States as of now there are 9 laboratories under State Animal Husbandry Department of Andhra Pradesh (2 nos.), Kerala (4 nos.), Uttarakhand (2 nos.), and Karnataka (1 no.), respectively recognized as NABL accredited

(c) Yes. The details are as follows:

Department provides financial support to all States and Union Territories (UTs) including Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratories and Indian Council of Agricultural Research Laboratories for strengthening of Disease Diagnostic infrastructure under

Livestock Health Disease Control programme (LHDCP) and the Pandemic Fund Project on “Animal Health Security Strengthening in India for Pandemic Preparedness and Response”.

(d) and (e) There is no policy formulated by the Department in this regard.
