

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1241
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH FEBRUARY, 2026**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN
KONKAN**

1241. # SHRI DHAIRYASHIL MOHAN PATIL:

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

- (a) whether Government is considering to establish a Regional Public Health Research Institute (RPHRI) in the Konkan region of Maharashtra, given that this region is highly vulnerable to vector-borne diseases due to its coastal ecology, high rainfall, humidity and climate variability: and
- (b) if so, the proposed timeline and the details of steps to be taken for establishing such an institute with the objective to strengthen locally relevant public health research and policy support in the region?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) and (b): Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has informed that its Vector Control Research Centre (ICMR-VCRC), Puducherry and National Institute of Malaria Research (ICMR-NIMR) undertake research related to vector-borne diseases in different parts of India including Maharashtra. ICMR further has multiple Institutes in Maharashtra catering to the health research needs of the state, namely, National Institute of Virology (ICMR-NIV Pune), National Institute of Translational Virology and AIDS Research (ICMR-NITVAR) Pune, National Institute of Immunohematology (ICMR-NIIH) Mumbai and National Institute for Research in Reproductive and Child Health (ICMR-NIRCH) Mumbai.

Further, Department of Health Research (DHR) has established 4 Multi-disciplinary Research Units (MRUs) and 2 Model Rural Health Research Unit (MRHRU) in Maharashtra. Research on regional health issues is an important mandate of MRUs and MRHRUs. DHR also has 11 Viral Research and Diagnostic Laboratories (VRDLs) in Maharashtra. The List is enclosed at Annexure-I. No separate proposal for establishing a Regional Public Health Research Institute (RPHRI) in the Konkan region of Maharashtra is under consideration of DHR.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) and (b) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1241 FOR 10.02.2026 REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN KONKAN

List of Multi-disciplinary Research Units (MRUs), Model Rural Health Research Unit (MRHRUs) and Viral Research and Diagnostic Laboratory (VRDLs) in Maharashtra.

Multi-disciplinary Research Units (MRUs) (4)
Seth G.S Medical College & KEM Hospital Mumbai
Dr. Vaishampayan Memorial Government Medical College, Solapur
Armed Forces Medical College, Pune
B.J. Medical College, Pune
Model Rural Health Research Units (MRHRUs) (2)
MRHRU Dahanu, Palghar
Rural Hospital Vani Taluka Dindori, Nasik
Viral Research and Diagnostic Laboratories (VRDLs) (11)
Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC), Pune
Dr Vaishampayan Memorial (VM) Government Medical College, Solapur
G.S. Seth Medical College and KEM Hospital, Mumbai
Government Medical College, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar
Government Medical College, Akola
Government Medical College, Miraj, Sangli
Indira Gandhi Medical College, Nagpur
Kasturba Hospital for Infectious Diseases, Mumbai
Shri Bhausaheb Hire Government Medical College & Hospital, Dhule
All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Nagpur
Govt Medical College, Nagpur
