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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4060 TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH DECEMBER, 2016

MEDICAL DEVICE TESTING LAB

4060. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

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

- (a) whether the first Medical Device Testing Laboratory is operational and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the extent to which the said laboratory is likely to benefit the country;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up such medical device testing labs in various States including Maharashtra;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

- (a) & (b): Facilities for testing some of the Medical Devices notified under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 are currently available in drugs testing laboratories. Separate Medical Device Testing centres/laboratories have not been established as yet.
- (c) to (e): The Government, on 12-08-2015, approved a proposal for strengthening of drug regulatory system which includes establishment of two medical device testing laboratories in the country.