

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1889
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH DECEMBER, 2017**

FOOD TESTING LABS

1889. DR. UDIT RAJ:

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

- (a) the details of the number of food testing labs in the country, State/UT-wise; and
- (b) the details of the minimum quality standards prescribed and quality tests undertaken for frozen fast food items that are imported from foreign countries?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

- (a): Presently, 232 Food Testing Laboratories have been authorised by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India for testing food products. State-wise details are at **Annexure**.
- (b): Safety and minimum quality standards for food products including imported food items have been prescribed in the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011 and the Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) Regulations, 2011. Imported food products, including frozen food products, are subjected to visual inspection, sampling and testing in order to determine whether or not, they conform to the prescribed safety and quality standards.

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Annexure

State/UT- wise details of 232 Food Testing Laboratories in the country under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 and Rules /Regulations, 2011 made there under:

Sr No	State/UT	Number of State/ Public Food Laboratories	Number of Referral Food Laboratories	Number of NABL Accredited Food Laboratories notified by FSSAI
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1	-	-
2.	Andhra Pradesh	1	1	3
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	-
4.	Assam	1	-	-
5.	Bihar	1	-	-
6.	Chhattisgarh	1	-	-
7.	Chandigarh	-	-	-
8.	Dadra Nagar Haveli	-	-	-
9.	Daman & Diu	-	-	1
10.	Delhi	1	-	19
11.	Goa	1	-	1
12.	Gujarat	6	1	8
13.	Haryana	2	-	12
14.	Himachal Pradesh	1	-	1
15.	Jammu & Kashmir	2	1	-
16.	Jharkhand	1	-	1
17.	Karnataka	4	2	12
18.	Kerala	3	2	9
19.	Lakswadweep	-	-	-
20.	Madhya Pradesh	3	-	6
21.	Maharashtra	11	3	23
22.	Manipur	-	-	-
23.	Meghalaya	1	-	-
24.	Mizoram	-	-	-
25.	Nagaland	1	-	-
26.	Odisha	1	-	1
27.	Puducherry	1	-	-
28.	Punjab	3	-	3
29.	Rajasthan	8	-	6
30.	Sikkim	-	-	-
31.	Tamil Nadu	7	2	16
32.	Telangana	1	3	7
33.	Tripura	1	-	-
34.	Uttar Pradesh	3	2	7
35.	Uttarakhand	-	-	1
36.	West Bengal	5	1	5
	Total	72	18	142

