

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION**  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1100**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2018**

**WQTLs in North-East Region**

**†1100. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:**  
**SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:**

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the number of Water Quality Testing Laboratories (WQTLs) for testing quality of water in the North-East Region are very less;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of WQTLs set up in the North East region during each of the last three years and the current year and the status of their functioning;
- (c) whether any proposals for setting up such WQTLs in North-Eastern Region are pending with the Union Government for approval and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to make regular maintenance of the water treatment system in the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the time by which each district of the National Capital Region is likely to have at least one such laboratory?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION**  
**(SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA)**

- (a) : State-wise number of water quality testing laboratories set up in North-Eastern States as reported by the States into the Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of the Ministry as on 06<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 is at Annexure-I.
- (b) : State-wise number of different level laboratories have been set up in North-Eastern States during the last three financial year and current financial year ( as on 06<sup>th</sup> February, 2018) as reported by the States into the Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of the Ministry as on 06<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 is at Annexure-II.
- (c) to (f) : Rural drinking water supply is a state subject. For improving the coverage of safe drinking water to rural population, this Ministry supplements the efforts of the states by providing them with technical and financial assistance through the centrally sponsored National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP). It is the State Government who plan, design, approve, execute and operate & maintain the schemes for providing safe drinking water to rural population. Under NRDWP, upto 5% of the funds released to states can be utilized for Water Quality Monitoring and Surveillance (WQMS), which inter alia include taking up works relating to setting up of new / up-gradation of State / districts / sub division / block level / mobile water quality testing laboratories, providing chemicals and consumables to laboratories, providing field test kits/refills to Gram Panchayats etc.

In order to assist the States in proper implementation and then operation and maintenance of water purification plants, the Ministry has provided the guidelines and guidance to the States :-

- 1) Issued guidelines for commissioning of Community Water Purification Plants for arsenic and fluoride in November, 2014.
- 2) An Operation & Maintenance (O&M) Manual was developed in May, 2013 and circulated to all States so as to assist the States in undertaking O&M.

States are free to set up water quality testing laboratories based on local condition and requirements.

**Annexure-I referred in the reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1100 due for  
reply on 08.02.2018**

**State-wise number of water quality testing laboratories set up in North-Eastern  
States as reported by the States into the Integrated Management Information System  
(IMIS) of the Ministry as on 06<sup>th</sup> February, 2018**

S. No.	Name of the State	Different level laboratories					Total Labs (State/ District/ Block/ Sub-division Level/ Mobile labs)
		State level	District level	Block level	Sub- Division level	Mobile	
1	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	1	16	0	31	1	49
2	ASSAM	1	29	0	54	22	106
3	MANIPUR	1	9	0	2	0	12
4	MEGHALAYA	1	7	0	22	0	30
5	MIZORAM	1	8	0	18	0	27
6	NAGALAND	0	11	0	1	2	14
7	SIKKIM	0	2	0	0	0	2
8	TRIPURA	1	8	7	6	0	22
<b>Total</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>262</b>



2	ASSAM	-	-	-	-	1	1
3	MANIPUR	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	MEGHALAYA	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	MIZORAM	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	NAGALAND	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	SIKKIM	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	TRIPURA	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>