

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2636  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2018**

**Water Quality Testing Laboratories**

†2636. **SHRI SADASHIV LOKHANDE:**

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to establish one Water Quality Testing Laboratory (WQTL) in every district of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any proposal from some States to establish WQTL in every district during the last three years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER  
MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION  
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)**

(a) to (e) : The Ministry supplements the efforts of states financially and technically to provide safe and adequate drinking water to rural population. It is the State Governments who plan, design, approve, execute and maintain Water Quality Testing Laboratory (WQTL) for ensuring safe drinking water to rural population.

Under the Centrally sponsored National Rural Drinking Programme (NRDWP), upto 5% of coverage funds can be used by states for water quality monitoring & surveillance activities which inter-alia includes setting up of & upgrading existing Water Quality Testing Laboratories at various levels. The details of Water Testing Laboratories set up so far is placed at Annexure-I.

Based on the (i) requirements of sampling, (ii) Nos. of water sources, (iii) spread, nature and concentration of contaminations, the planning for setting up of or modernization of WQTL are taken up in States/Union Territories and State Level Schemes Sanctioning Committee (SLSSC) takes up and approves such proposals.

**Annexure-I referred to in the reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2636 due for  
reply on 2/8/2018**

**State-wise number of Water Quality Testing Laboratory.**

S.No.	State	State Labs (without mobile labs)	District Labs (without mobile labs)	Block Labs (without mobile labs)	SubDivision Labs (without mobile labs)	Mobile Labs (State/ District/ Block/ Sub- division Level)	Total Labs (State/ District/ Block/ Sub- division Level)
1	Andaman & Nicobar	1	0	0	0	2	3
2	Andhra Pradesh	1	32	0	73	0	106
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1	16	0	31	1	49
4	Assam	1	29	0	54	22	106
5	Bihar	1	41	0	1	0	43
6	Chhattisgarh	1	27	1	24	18	71
7	Goa	1	0	1	9	0	11
8	Gujarat	1	32	48	0	6	87
9	Haryana	0	21	0	22	0	43
10	Himachal Pradesh	1	14	0	30	0	45
11	Jammu & Kashmir	0	22	3	75	0	100
12	Jharkhand	1	26	1	7	5	40
13	Karnataka	1	44	39	107	46	237
14	Kerala	1	14	0	33	0	48
15	Madhya Pradesh	1	51	3	106	0	161
16	Maharashtra	1	63	2	140	0	206
17	Manipur	1	9	0	2	0	12
18	Meghalaya	1	7	0	22	0	30
19	Mizoram	1	8	0	18	0	27
20	Nagaland	0	11	0	1	2	14
21	Odisha	1	32	0	44	0	77
22	Puducherry	0	2	0	0	0	2
23	Punjab	3	22	8	0	1	34
24	Rajasthan	1	33	165	0	0	199
25	Sikkim	0	2	0	0	0	2
26	Tamil Nadu	1	34	0	55	0	90
27	Telangana	1	19	0	56	0	76
28	Tripura	1	8	7	6	0	22
29	Uttar Pradesh	1	76	3	3	0	83
30	Uttarakhand	0	29	1	14	0	44
31	West Bengal	1	19	1	201	0	222
<b>Total</b>		<b>27</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>1134</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>2290</b>