

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5252
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2019**

Water Testing Laboratories

†5252. **SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:**

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating on a proposal to set up water testing laboratory in each district of the country particularly of backward areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof with special reference to backward and rural areas;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal to set up water testing laboratory in each district from some States during the last three years;
- (d) if so, the details thereof with special reference to backward and rural areas; and
- (e) the steps taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)**

(a) to (e) Rural Drinking water supply is a State subject. For improving the coverage of safedrinking water to rural population, this Ministry supplements the efforts of the States by providing them with technical and financial assistance through the centrally sponsored scheme National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP). It is the State Governments who plan, design, approve, execute, operate & maintain Water Quality Testing Laboratory (WQTL) for ensuring safe drinking water to rural population.

Under the Centrally Sponsored National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) guidelines, upto 5% of NRDWP coverage funds can be used by states for Water Quality Monitoring and Surveillance (WQM&S) activities which inter-alia includes setting up of and upgrading existing Water Quality Laboratories at various levels, providing chemicals and consumables to laboratories etc as per guidelines.

State-wise number of drinking water testing laboratories as reported by the states in Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of this Ministry, is placed at **Annexure.**

Annexure

**Statement referred in the Reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5252 due for reply
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State-wise number of drinking water testing laboratories as reported by the states in Integrated
Management Information System (IMIS) of this Ministry

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	74	0	107
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1	16	0	31	1	49
4	Assam	1	29	0	54	23	107
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	49	0	6	88
9	Haryana	1	21	0	22	0	44
10	Himachal Pradesh	1	14	0	30	0	45
11	Jammu & Kashmir	0	22	4	76	0	102
12	Jharkhand	1	26	1	7	5	40
13	Karnataka	1	30	0	100	0	131
14	Kerala	1	14	0	37	0	52
15	Madhya Pradesh	1	51	3	106	0	161
16	Maharashtra	1	65	2	142	0	210
17	Manipur	1	9	0	2	0	12
18	Meghalaya	1	7	0	25	0	33
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	2	22	8	0	1	33
24	Rajasthan	1	32	165	0	0	198
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	1	84
30	Uttarakhand	1	29	1	14	0	45
31	West Bengal	1	20	0	198	0	219
	Total	28	731	245	1,135	59	2,198

Source: IMIS, DDWS