

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 61
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST JUNE, 2019**

CHEAPER LAB TESTING FACILITIES IN HOSPITALS

61. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to implement any action plan with a view to provide testing facilities at equal and affordable cost in Government and private pathology labs in order to provide low cost testing facility for various diseases in the country;
- (b) if so, the extent to which the people of the country are likely to be benefitted through it along with the time by which this scheme is likely to be implemented; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a): Under National Health Mission (NHM), Government of India has launched National Free diagnostic service initiative in 2015. This initiative aims to ensure the availability of 56 diagnostic tests at District hospital, 39 tests at Community Health Centre, 19 tests at Primary Health Centre and 7 tests at Sub-centre.

The guideline has a model tender document to engage the private provider's labs for delivering all high cost and technology demanding tests.

(b): The facility has already been rolled out. The services are being provided free of cost to all beneficiaries from the level of Sub-centre up to the District Hospital level. The guideline has been launched in 2015 and disseminated to all States/UTs.

(c): Not applicable in view of (b).

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