

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4272
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH DECEMBER, 2019**

VIROLOGY DETECTION RESEARCH LABS

4272. DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up any Virology Detection Research Labs (VDRL) in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the total funds allocated for the VDRL projects in Tamil Nadu;
- (c) whether the Government has received any complaint regarding the interference and subsequent stalling of the VDRL projects in Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the stand of the Government in this regard?

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

- (a): The scheme of Department of Health Research is Viral Research and Diagnostic Laboratories (VRDL) and not Virology Detection Research Labs (VDRL). There is no proposal with the Department presently to set-up VRDL in Tamil Nadu.
- (b): Funds of Rs. 19,20,11,987 have been allocated for nine VRDL projects in Tamil Nadu, so far.
- (c): No.
- (d): Does not arise.