

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2595
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10th MARCH, 2021

NABL

2595. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories(NABL) accredited food testing laboratories for export in the country and their state-wise distribution;
- (b) whether there is any food testing laboratory or referral laboratory for quality inspection and certification for international export of agri-based products in any of the North-Eastern states to ensure compliance with sanitary and phyto-sanitary(SPS) requirements;
- (c) if not, whether this does not significantly increase cost of small exporters to send products for testing to another state and whether the Government has conducted any study regarding the same;
- (d) whether there is any plan to set up such laboratories in each state to boost their agri-exports and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to improve the infrastructure for testing and quality control in the country in order to comply to international SPS standards and boost agri-exports?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हरदीप सिंह पुरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

- (a) : The number of National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) accredited food testing laboratories for export in the country under integrated assessment for testing laboratories and their state-wise distribution, is given below:-

S.No.	State	Number of NABL Accredited Laboratories
1	Andhra Pradesh	07
2	Delhi	05
3	Gujarat	10
4	Haryana	11
5	Kerala	05
6	Karnataka	07
7	Madhya Pradesh	02
8	Maharashtra	15
9	Odisha	01
10	Punjab	01
11	Rajasthan	01
12	Telengana	04
13	Tamil Nadu	07
14	Uttar Pradesh	01
15	West Bengal	03
Total		80

(b), (c) & (d): There is one food testing Laboratory authorised by APEDA in the State of Assam for quality inspection and certification for international export of agri-based products in the North Eastern States to ensure compliance with Sanitary and Phyto-sanitary (SPS) requirements. In addition, the two laboratories in Kolkata also cater to the testing requirements of exporters in the North Eastern Region.

(e) Measures for improving infrastructure for testing and quality control to comply with international SPS standards and boost agri-exports is a continuous process. From time to time, the Government provides financial and technical support to improve high precision instrumentation and analytical competence to its authorised labs for their upgradation to ensure quality control.
