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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1915
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 30TH JULY 2021

“Opening of R&D Labs for COVID-19”

1915. SADHVI PRAGYA SINGH THAKUR:

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to open Research and Development labs across the country in view of the increasing impact of COVID-19 pandemic and other viruses;
(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)

(a) to (c): The existing infrastructure comprising of 124 Viral Research & Diagnostic Laboratories (VRDLs) and 27 institutes under Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) spread across the country have capacity to work on COVID-19 and other viruses. Besides this there are research institutes under other departments of Government of India which are actively engaged in similar research. Strengthening of such infrastructure is a continuous process.