

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3040
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6th AUGUST, 2021**

LABORATORIES FOR TESTING CORONA VACCINES

3040. SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:

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

- (a) the number of laboratories in which COVID-19 vaccine is being tested throughout the country;
- (b) whether the Government has developed or proposes to develop testing facilities in more laboratories to speed up the COVID-19 vaccination programme in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the time by which it is likely to be started including the details thereof?

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

(a) to (d): COVID-19 vaccines are being tested at Central Drugs Laboratory (CDL), Kasauli. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) has also notified National Institute of Biologicals (NIB), Noida an autonomous institute of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare & National Centre for Cell Sciences (NCCS), Pune an autonomous institute of Department of Biotechnology as additional Central Drugs Laboratory for testing and release of COVID-19 vaccines vide S.O 4206(E) dated 24.11.2020 and S.O 2609 (E) dated 28.06.2021 respectively.

National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB), Hyderabad an autonomous institute of Department of Biotechnology has been identified for upgradation as Central Drug Laboratory (CDL) for Covid vaccine testing.
