

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2192
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH DECEMBER 2021

VRDL SCHEME

**2192. DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:
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Will the **Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) the detailed list of Viral Research and Diagnostic Laboratories in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry under VRDL scheme;
- (b) Whether the centre has appointed/notified principal investigators and company principal investigators for the VRDL scheme in Tamil Nadu and
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has formed the Biosafety Committee as per norms of VRDL scheme; and
- (e) if so, the composition of Committee members and their roles and responsibilities?

ANSWER

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

(a), (b) & (c) The Government has set up 10 Viral Research and Diagnostic Laboratories (VRDLs) in Tamilnadu and 02 in Puducherry under the Department of Health Research's Scheme 'Setting up of nation-wide network of laboratories for managing epidemics and natural calamities'. The Principal Investigator (PI) and Co- Principal Investigator (Co-PI) are appointed by the concerned Institute wherein the Viral Research and Diagnostic Laboratory (VRDL) is set up. The details of Viral Research and Diagnostic Laboratories (VRDLs) are attached in the Annexure.

(d) & (e) The Scheme 'Setting up of nation-wide network of laboratories for managing epidemics and natural calamities,' under which VRDLs are set up; do not mention the constitution of Biosafety Committee. However, Institute Biosafety Committee (IBSC) has been formed in JIPMER and approved by Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Govt. of India. The details of the same are given at <https://www.jipmer.edu.in/research/research-committees/institutional-bio-safety-committeeibsc>

THE DETAILS OF VIRAL RESEARCH AND DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORIES (VRDLS)
IN TAMILNADU AND PUDUCHERRY

State	Level of VRDL	Name of VRDL
Puducherry	Regional Level	Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research (JIPMER), Puducherry
	Medical College Level	Indira Gandhi Medical College & Research Institute, Puducherry
Tamil Nadu	State Level	Coimbatore Medical College, Coimbatore
	State Level	The King Institute of Preventive Medicine and Research (KIPM&R), Chennai
	Medical College Level	Government Medical College, Theni, Tamil Nadu
	Medical College Level	Government Medical College, Thiruvarur, Tamil Nadu
	Medical College Level	Government Medical College, Villupuram, Tamil Nadu
	Medical College Level	Government Mohan Kumaramangalam Medical College, Salem
	Medical College Level	Madras Medical College, Chennai
	Medical College Level	Madurai Medical College, Madurai, Tamil Nadu
	Medical College Level	Tirunelveli Medical College, Tirunelveli
	Medical College Level	ICMR-National Institute for Research in Tuberculosis, Chennai