

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3446  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2021**

**TESTING LABS AND VACCINATION CENTRES**

**3446. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps/measures for setting up testing labs and vaccination centres across the country to fight any future COVID-19 wave; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken in this regard?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) Government of India has issued detailed Operational Guidelines for State/UTs to set up covid vaccination centers before commencing vaccination program. Detailed guideline is available on Ministry's website at following link:

<https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/COVID19VaccineOG111Chapter16.pdf>

Presently, more than 1 lakh Covid Vaccination Centers are available in the country.

Government of India has also significantly increased the testing capacity for Covid-19 related tests. As on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021, more than 3,000 operational laboratories are conducting Covid tests and reporting to Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) on RT-PCR, TruNat, CBNAAT and Other Molecular Nucleic Acid Tests for COVID-19.

Under PM-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) for setting up of integrated public health laboratories in all districts and strengthening block public health units in 11 high focus states are provisioned.

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