Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of construction of state-of-art Forensic Science Laboratory in Amravati, Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the details of funds allocated and utilized under the proposal?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)

(a) and (b): A project was approved during the financial year 2017 by the Government of India for setting up/up-gradation of Forensic Science Labs in Andhra Pradesh under the scheme of ‘Assistance to States for Special Projects/Programmes for Upgrading Police Infrastructure’. The project includes construction of laboratories and procurement of equipment. Total estimated outlay of the project was ₹ 253.40 crore, including central share of ₹ 152.00 crore. Out of the Central share, ₹ 42.35 crore were released and the Government of Andhra Pradesh has utilised ₹ 27.99 crore and the remaining amount of ₹ 14.36 crore is unutilized balance amount. The construction of Andhra Pradesh Forensic Science Laboratory (APFSL) at Amravati has been initiated. Temporarily the existing FSL at Tech. Tower, Mangalagiri (Amravati) has been strengthened with the equipment and staff.