

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1407
ANSWERED ON 29.07.2025

FAKE GEM AND JEWELLERY TESTING LABS

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Will the Minister of **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the increasing number of fake gem and jewellery testing laboratories operating in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the number of such labs identified and action taken during the last five years, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether there is a regulatory authority responsible for accrediting gem testing laboratories in India;
- (d) if so, the details of the accreditation process and whether the Government is taking steps to strengthen it to prevent fraudulent labs from operating;
- (e) whether the Government has data regarding the authorised gem and jewellery testing laboratories operating in the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof in respect of Kerala, including both public and private sector laboratories?

ANSWER

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) and (b) No incidence of fake gems and jewellery testing laboratories operating in the country has been brought to the notice of this Ministry.

(c) and (d) National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL), an autonomous body under Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) under this Ministry, is an accreditation body, and not a regulatory authority, with the mandate to provide accreditation to testing laboratories in the country that includes Gems and Jewellery Laboratories. NABL accreditation is voluntary in nature.

The process for accreditation by NABL includes steps such as review of application document, checking technical competency and pre-assessment. Non-conformity, if any, is informed to the applicant and sufficient time is given for taking corrective action. Based on outcomes, decision is made regarding the grant of accreditation.

(e) and (f) There are three NABL accredited Gem testing laboratories in the country as on 22.07.2025, out of which two labs are located in Mumbai, and one in New Delhi.
