

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1063
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND JULY, 2016**

LABORATORIES IN MEDICAL INSTITUTES/ COLLEGES

1063. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA ALIAS HARISH DWIVEDI:

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

- (a) the number of laboratories in the different medical institutes/colleges of the country which have been certified by the Quality Council of India and Indian Medical Association for conducting genetic/heredity diseases tests;
- (b) whether a number of such laboratories in the country do not have the requisite equipments, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to strengthen the laboratories in the country?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) to (c): Quality Council of India and the Indian Medical Association have informed that there is no laboratory certified by them in medical institutes/colleges for conducting genetic/heredity disease tests.

[National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories](#) (NABL), an autonomous body under the Department of Science & Technology offers laboratory accreditation scheme, a voluntary program, as per International Standards ISO 15189 for medical labs. NABL has accredited 42 laboratories out of which 17 are in medical institutes/colleges, in the discipline of 'Genetics'.

The Department of Health Research has introduced a scheme titled "[Establishment of a network of Laboratories for Managing Epidemics and Natural Calamities](#)". Genetic or heredity disease tests are not conducted in these laboratories.