

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3408  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2016**

**SAMPLE COLLECTION CENTRE FOR SWINE FLU**

**3408. SHRI DEVAJIBHAI G. FATEPARA:**

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up sample collection centres for Swine Flu under any scheme all over the country as delay on report of samples of swine flu for several days;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said centres are likely to be set up, State/UT-wise?

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

(a) to (c): No. Testing of Swine Flu (Influenza A H1N1) is required for patients who need immediate hospitalization and treatment. Hence, the collection of samples are done in the identified treating hospital. The samples are dispatched to identified laboratories where it is tested. As per the guidelines issued by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, the treatment is started immediately without waiting for test reports.