

**Laboratories for testing medical devices**

1817. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country does not have laboratories to test medical devices, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government proposes to get such labs that would be funded by the concerned Ministry to give a boost to manufacturing sector in the country and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) Medical devices are currently tested in the following laboratories:

- (i) National Institute of Biologicals, Noida - For testing diagnostic devices viz. HIV, HBsAg and HCV;
- (ii) Central Drugs Testing Laboratories, Mumbai - For testing of Intra Uterine Devices viz Cu-T and Tubular Rings which are included in Schedule R to the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945; and
- (iii) Central Drugs Testing Laboratories, Chennai - For testing of Condoms.

(b) The current emphasis of the Department of Health and Family Welfare is on strengthening the existing laboratories. However, when required, the Department of Commerce also supports establishments of common testing laboratories for medical devices and diagnostic equipment under Central Assistance to States for Infrastructure Development of Export Scheme to support the growth of the industry.

**Increasing State's expenditure on health sector**

1818. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI:

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

(a) whether Government proposes to increase State's expenditure on health sector to address the shortcomings in the healthcare system;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the channels likely to be mobilised to raise the funds in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken/or proposed to be taken by Government to ensure proper utilisation of funds and to provide healthcare facilities to all citizens of the country?