

Fisheries has also issued Advisories in 2014 addressed to all States and Union Territories regarding judicious use of antibiotics to prevent AMR.

A National Programme for Containment of AMR has also been initiated in 12th Five Year Plan with the following objectives.

- To establish a laboratory based surveillance system by strengthening laboratories for AMR in the country and to generate quality data on antimicrobial resistance for pathogens of public health importance.
- To generate awareness among healthcare providers and in the community regarding rational use of antibiotics.
- To strengthen infection control guidelines and practices and promote rational use of antibiotics.

Setting up of district-level food testing laboratories

1248. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds sanctioned and expenditure incurred on food testing laboratories during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(b) the further steps taken or being taken by Government to set up food testing laboratories equipped with modern facilities in every district in the country in order to check food adulteration without loss of time?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) As far as the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is concerned, no funds have been provided for upgradation of State food testing laboratories during 2012-13 to 2015-16.

(b) In addition to 14 referral laboratories, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has notified 82 NABL (National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories) accredited private food testing laboratories for the purposes of carrying out analysis of food samples taken under section 47 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. FSSAI has initiated action to upgrade its food testing laboratories. There are 72 State food testing laboratories. The upgradation and setting up of State food testing laboratories is the responsibility of State Governments.