

Sl. No.	Name of District	Private	Co-operative	Public	Total
15.	Osamanabad	4	6	-	10
16.	Parbhani	4	0	-	4
17.	Pune	0	1	-	1
18.	Sangali	1	2	-	3
19.	Satara	2	1	-	3
20.	Solapur	4	3	-	7
21.	Wardha	0	1	-	1
22.	Yeotmal	0	3	-	3
TOTAL		25	55	0	80

Setting up of National Test House

1828. SHRIMATI SASIKALAPUSHPA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to increase the number of National Test House (NTH) across the country in order to protect the interest of consumers, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any proposal is pending with the Government to establish NTH in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI C.R. CHAUDHARY): (a) No Sir. The National Test House (NTH) is a premier scientific and technical Organisation functioning under the Department of Consumer Affairs. It functions through 6 regional centres including Chennai, covering the entire country.

(b) No Sir. Tamil Nadu is covered by the National Test House (Southern Region), Chennai.

(c) Question does not arise.