

**Strengthening of State Food Laboratories  
(Status as on 19.12.2018)**

FSSAI is implementing a Central Sector Scheme for “Strengthening of Food Testing System in the Country Including Provision of Mobile Food Testing Labs” (SOFTeL) with a total outlay of Rs. 481.95. The time frame for implementation of the Scheme is 2016-17 to 2018-19.

The scheme *inter alia* envisages strengthening of 45 State Food Testing Labs. At least one food testing laboratory in each State and two in larger States would be assisted. For this, FSSAI is providing a non-recurring grant of around Rs. 10 Crore each for upgradation of state food laboratories for procurement of 3 major equipments namely ICP-MS, GC-MSMS and LC-MSMS, setting up of Microbiology Lab, creation of Infrastructure for sophisticated equipments and setting up of microbiological laboratory, besides recurring grant of Rs. 35 lakh/year for Professional services, Consumables and Contingencies as per the requirement of the respective state lab. Further, for those North East States which do not have any Food Testing Laboratory, the Scheme provides a grant of Rs. 3 crore each for setting up new food testing laboratory there.

The Rate Contracts for three high end equipments have been finalized. The list of empanelled vendors, along with terms and conditions of empanelment and standard format of purchase order has been shared with States/UTs, besides uploading on the website of the FSSAI under the caption ‘Food Testing’.

This would enable the States/UTs to analyse the regulatory and surveillance samples drawn by the FSO within the shortest possible time frame; to analyze the safety parameters in food samples such as Heavy metals, Pesticide residues, Antibiotic and drug residues and Naturally occurring toxic substances along with Microbiological tests; to ensure compliance of FSSAI standards on food; to enable the laboratory to achieve NABL accreditation within 2 years from the date of release of final installment; to become a resource point for training and facility up-gradation for other existing Government / Public Food testing laboratories in the State; and to introduce online laboratory data management system through Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS).

So far 31 State Food Safety Laboratories of 25 States/UTs have been taken up for upgradation including setting up 11 microbiology laboratories in 10 States/UTs. Proposals for setting up of 12 microbiology laboratories in 12 States/UTs are under consideration. A total Grant in aid of Rs.128.45 crore has been sanctioned (out of which Rs.127.45 Crore has been released) for the upgradation of these laboratories, so far. State-wise details are under (as on 19.12.2018).

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1.	Andhra Pradesh  (Regional Public Health Laboratory, Vishakhapatnam)	Rs. 50 Lakh (June, 2017)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renovation Work (RW) yet to be started.</li> <li>• State has submitted that on 4.12.2018 a meeting was held with the Finance Department officials in regard to the materializing the</li> </ul>	No proposal has been received, so far.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status as per State’s communication dated 11.12.2018.</li> <li>• Issues has been taken up with the Chief</li> </ul>

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			proposal of upgradation. It will be cleared by end of December, 2018.		Secretary of the State vide letter dated 27.09.2018.
2.	Assam (State Public Health Laboratory, Guwahati)	Rs. 4 Crore (March & May 2017)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RW not started by the State.</li> <li>• State has informed that being expenditure from central fund, registration in PFMS is mandatory. Therefore, a separate saving bank account has been opened in the name of laboratory &amp; process and all the fund has been transferred in this account. Registration in PFMS is under process. After registration the renovation work will be started and simultaneously the selection of vendors will be also done.</li> </ul>	Proposal has been received and is under consideration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status as per state's communication dated 13.12.2018</li> <li>• Issues has been taken up with the Chief Secy of the State vide letter dated 19.09.2018.</li> </ul>
3.	Chhattisgarh (State Food & Drugs Testing Lab, Kalibadi, Raipur)	Rs. 35 Lakh (March 2018) Rs. 6.15 Crore (Aug 2018)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RW is in under progress.</li> <li>• Process for procurement of high end equipment has not been initiated, so far.</li> </ul>	No proposal has been received	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status as per state's communication dated 12.12.2018</li> <li>• Vide communication dated 12.12.2018 State has been requested to inform about the progress made for the selection of vendors.</li> </ul>
4.	Delhi (Food Laboratory, Department of Food Safety, Delhi)	Rs. 50 Lakh (March 2017) Rs. 4.25 Crore (Nov, 2017) Rs. 1.75 Crore (May 2018) Rs. 50 Lakh (June, 2018)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RW completed.</li> <li>• GCMSMS, LCMS/MS and ICPMS are installed and commissioned.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobilization advance of Rs.50 Lakh has been released.</li> <li>• Preliminary estimate is in final stages at the end of PWD.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status as per State's communication dated 10.12.2018.</li> </ul>

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5.	Goa  (Food and Drugs Laboratory, Goa)	Rs. 50 Lakh (May 2017)  Rs. 4.25 Crore (Nov, 2017)  Rs. 50 Lakh (April 2018)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RW for the rooms of LC-MSMS and GCMSMS has been completed with installation of AC in each room. RW of the Room for installing ICPMS is in progress and will be completed soon.</li> <li>• Purchase orders for all the three equipment have been placed to the respective vendors. ICPMS has been received.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobilization advance of Rs. 50 lakh released in April 2018.</li> <li>• Renovation work completed.</li> <li>• Tender for procuring equipment have been floated.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status as per state's communication dated 11.12.2018</li> <li>• Issues has been taken up with the Chief Secy of the State vide letter dated 26.09.2018.</li> </ul>
6.	Gujarat*  (Food and Drug Laboratory, Vadodara)	Rs. 50 Lakh (May 2017)  Rs.35 Lakh (Feb 2018)  Rs. 6 Crore (May 2018)  Rs. 60 lakh (Aug 2018)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renovation work is completed.</li> <li>• All the three high end equipment have been installed and 70% payment has been released to the vendors.</li> <li>• UCs for Rs.50 lakh spent during 2017-18 and Rs. 3,97,33,729 spend during 2018-19 have been received.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grant of Rs.95 Lakh has been released.</li> <li>• UC Rs.35 Lakh spend during 2017-18 has been received.</li> <li>• Infrastructure work is in progress.</li> <li>• Procurement of Equipment has not been initiated, so far.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status as per state's communication dated 12.12.2018</li> </ul>
7.	Gujarat* (Regional Food Laboratory, Rajkot)	Rs. 50 Lakh (August, 2018)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renovation work has not been started, so far. State has allocated the fund to Project Implementation Unit, Gandhinagar, which will do the job after completion of tendering process. The entire process will take atleast 4-6 months.</li> <li>• UC for the amount of Rs.50 Lakh utilized in 2018-19 has been received.</li> </ul>	No proposal has been received, so far.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status as per state's communication dated 12.12.2018</li> </ul>
8.	Haryana	Rs. 50 Lakh (July 2017)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renovation work is almost completed and</li> </ul>	Proposal has been	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status as per state's</li> </ul>

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	(State Food Laboratory, Chandigarh)	Rs. 6 Crore (May 2018)	<p>UC is awaited from the respected Dept. Some additional renovation work is also required to be done for which budget has been received from Haryana State government and will be completed soon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List of selected Vendors has been forwarded to higher officials for approval.</li> </ul>	received and is under consideration	<p>communication dated 10.12.2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Issues has been taken up with the Chief Secy of the State vide letter dated 09.10.2018.</li> </ul>
9.	Himachal Pradesh  (State Food Lab, Composite testing laboratory (CLT), Kandaghat)	Rs. 50 Lakh (March 2017)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RW is under progress. Civil work has been completed. Procurement of furniture is under way.</li> <li>Complete overhauling of the Laboratory is in progress and in this regard a proposal for the repairing/changing of roof is under consideration in state government.</li> <li>Manpower posting process has been initiated and state government has accorded approval for filling up of 19 posts in the Laboratory.</li> </ul>	No proposal has been received, so far.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Status as per state's communication dated 12.12.2018</li> <li>Issues has been taken up with the Chief Secy of the State vide letter dated 12.10.2018.</li> </ul>
10.	J & K (Jammu)  (Public Health Laboratory, Patoli, Jammu)	Rs. 1.00 Crore (March & Aug 2017)  Rs. 5.50 Crore (Nov, 2017)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RW almost completed except electricity supply problem which is likely to be resolved shortly.</li> <li>All the High end equipments (namely LCMSMS and ICPMS) have been procured but yet to be installed due to electricity supply problem.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grant of Rs. 1 Crore has been released.</li> <li>RW completed.</li> <li>Equipments are being procured.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Status as per state's communication dated 12.12.2018.</li> <li>Issues has been taken up with the Chief Secy of the State vide letter dated 11.10.2018.</li> </ul>
11.	J & K (Srinagar)  (Public Health Lab, Dalgate, Srinagar)	Rs. 1.00 Crore (June & Aug. 2017)  Rs. 5.50 Crore (Nov, 2017)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RW completed.</li> <li>High end equipments (LCMSMS and GCMSMS) have been installed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grant of Rs. 1 Crore has been released.</li> <li>RW completed.</li> <li>Equipments are being procured</li> </ul>	

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12.	Karnataka  (Karnataka State Food Laboratory, Bangalore)	Rs. 50 Lakhs (March 2017)  Rs. 8.50 Crore (Nov, 2017)  Rs.50 lakh (August 2018)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Renovation work is under progress. 70% works have been completed.</li> <li>All the three high end equipments viz. GCMSMS, ICPMS and LCMSMS have been received.</li> <li>EC in its 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting approved to take up also DFL, Belagavi for the upgradation subject to an undertaking from State with regard to filling up vacant posts (5 out of 7 technical posts are vacant) and procurement of basic analytical equipment from the State budget.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mobilization advance of Rs.50 lakh released in August 2018.</li> <li>RW not started, so far.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Status as per telephonic discussion with Food Analyst of the Laboratory.</li> <li>Pending issues has been taken up with Chief Secy of the State vide letter dated 25.09.2018</li> </ul>
13.	Kerala*  (Regional analytical Laboratory, Malaparamba, Kozhikode-673009)	Rs. 4.0 Crore (March & May 2017)  Rs. 5 Crore (Nov, 2017)  Rs. 50 lakh (Nov, 2018)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Renovation work has been completed. Kerala Medical Service Corporation Limited (KMSCL) which has executed the renovation work has been asked to furnish Utilization Certificate.</li> <li>Orders for high end equipments have been placed and equipments are expected to be received by the End of December, 2018.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mobilization advance of Rs.50 lakh has been released.</li> <li>Steps has been taken to entrust the renovation work of Microbiology laboratory to KMSCL</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Status as per state's communication dated 12.12.2018</li> <li>Issues has been taken up with the Chief Secy of the State vide letter dated 05.11.2018.</li> </ul>
14.	Kerala*  (Government Analyst's Laboratory, Thiruvananthapuram)	Rs. 50 lakh (Aug, 2018)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RW yet to be started.</li> <li>KMSCL has been authorized for developing and renovation of existing instrumentation section</li> <li>Preparation of estimates is under process.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No proposal has been received, so far.</li> </ul>	
15.	Madhya Pradesh*  (State Food Testing Laboratory, Food and Drug Administration, Bhopal)	Rs. 50 Lakh (March 2017)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RW is under process.</li> <li>Vendors have been shortlisted.</li> <li>Purchase orders have been vetted and forwarded to State for further action.</li> </ul>	Proposal has been received, and is under consideration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Status as per state's communication dated 03.12.2018</li> <li>Issues has been taken up with the Chief Secy of the State vide letter</li> </ul>

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16.	Maharashtra* ( Food Laboratory, Mumbai)	Rs. 50 Lakh (Sept. 2017)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RW yet to be started</li> <li>• The estimates (i.e. Rs. 61 lakh) submitted by PWD exceeds the amount released for the RW. Therefore, PWD have been requested to revise the estimate to the tune of Rs.50. lakh.</li> </ul>	Proposal has been received and is under consideration .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status as per state's communication dated 26.09.2018.</li> <li>• Issues has been taken up with the Chief Secy of the State vide letter dated 26.09.2018.</li> </ul>
17.	Manipur (State Public Health Food Testing Laboratory, R&D Wing Complex, Medical Directorate, Lamphel)	Rs. 50 Lakh (July 2017) Rs. 6 Crore (May 2018)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renovation work has been completed.</li> <li>• Selection of vendors has been done.</li> </ul>	Proposal has been received and is under consideration .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status as per state's communication dated 11.12.2018</li> <li>• Issues has been taken up with the Chief Secy of the State vide letter dated 26.09.2018.</li> </ul>
18.	Meghalaya (Food Testing Laboratory, Pasteur Hills, Shilong)	Rs. 50 Lakh (July 2017)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RW work has been started and is expected to be completed by February 2019.</li> <li>• Committee for selection of HEE will be constituted after Swasth Bharat Yatra</li> </ul>	Proposal has been received and is under consideration .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status as per State's communication dated 10.12.2018</li> <li>• Issues has been taken up with the Chief Secy of the State vide letter dated 26.09.2018.</li> </ul>
19.	Nagaland (State Public Health Laboratory, Kohima)	Rs. 50 Lakh (March 2017) Rs. 2 Crore (March 2018) Rs. 4 Crore (May 2018)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RW completed &amp; UC for the grant released towards RW has been received.</li> <li>• UC received for the Rs.50 lakh for RW</li> <li>• Orders for high end equipments have been issued to the selected vendor and some items like UPS etc. have been received. However, main equipment are yet to be received.</li> </ul>	Proposal has been received and is under consideration .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status as per state's communication dated 13.12.2018</li> </ul>
20.	Odisha (Public Health	Rs. 50 Lakh (April 2017)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RW has been completed.</li> <li>• A committee has been</li> </ul>	• No proposal has been received, so	• Status as per state's communication



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	Laboratory, Convent Square Bhubaneswar)	Rs. 6 Crore (Aug 2018)	constituted for the selection of vendors. The committee will finalize vendors for each of the equipments in its meeting on 21.12.2018.	far. • State is preparing proposal in consultation with Dr. Geetanjali.	dated 12.12.2018.
21.	Puducherry (Department of Food & Drug Testing, Indira Nagar, Gorimedu)	Rs. 50 Lakh (June 2018)	• RW status and MoU are still awaited.	Proposal has been received and is under consideration .	• Vide communications dated 24.7.2018, 31.08.2018 and 07.09.2018 state has been requested to send the status of RW.
22.	Punjab ( State Food Lab Punjab, Food & Drug Testing Building at Kharar, SAS Nagar)	Rs. 4.0 Crore (March & April, 2017) Rs. 25 lakh (Aug 2018)	• RW completed. State has been requested to furnish UC. • ICP-MS & GC-MSMS have been procured & installed. • State has placed order for procuring LCMSMS.	• Proposal has been finalized • Release of grant is under process. • Infrastructure for setting up of microbiology lab has been already completed.	• Status as per state's communication dated 13.12.2018
23.	Rajasthan (Regional Food Laboratory, Jodhpur)	Rs. 50 Lakh (May 2018)	• RW is yet to be started. • PWD will issue tender for renovation in the last week of December.	No proposal received	• Status as per State's communication dated 7.12.2018
24.	Rajasthan (Regional Food Laboratory, Udaipur)	Rs. 50 Lakh (May 2018)	• RW is yet to be started. • PWD will issue tender for renovation in the last week of December.	No proposal received	Status as per State's communication dated 7.12.2018
25.	Rajasthan, Jaipur	Rs. 50 Lakh (November, 2018)	• Laboratory has been taken up only for setting up of microbiology laboratory.	• Mobilization advance of Rs.50 Lakh has been sanctioned in Nov, 2018. • Grant yet to be released. • Work yet to be started.	• Status as per state's communication dated 11.12.2018.
26.	Tamil Nadu (Food Analysis Laboratory, Guindy, Chennai)	Rs. 50 Lakhs (March 2017) Rs. 6 Crore (Nov, 2017)	• RW completed and UC for that received. • LCMS/MS & GCMS/MS have been installed. • 70% of the cost of	• Mobilizati on advance of Rs.50 Lakh has	• Status as per State's communication dated 10.12.2018

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		Rs. 50 Lakh (June, 2018)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LCMS/MS has been released</li> <li>GCMS/MS installed but yet to be made functional.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>been released.</li> <li>Action has been taken to start the work.</li> </ul>	
27.	Tamil Nadu (Food Analysis Laboratory, Madurai)	Rs. 50 Lakh (Dec, 2018)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EC in its 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 28.05.2018, approved to take up FAL, Madurai for the upgradation subject to an undertaking from the State Govt. w.r.t. filling up of vacant technical posts and procuring minor basic equipments.</li> <li>State vide communication dated 10.12.2018 has furnished the requisite undertaking.</li> </ul>	No proposal has been received, so far.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mobilization advance of Rs. 50 lakh has been sanctioned in Dec, 2018 but the amount is yet to be released.</li> </ul>
28.	Telangana * (State Food Laboratory, Nacharam, Hyderabad)	Rs. 50 Lakh (July 2017) Rs. 2 Crore (March 2018) Rs. 4 Crore (May 2018) Rs. 50 lakh (July 2018)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Instrumentation unit work almost completed except ACs fixation.</li> <li>LCMSMS, ICPMS instruments installation completed. GCMS instrument work under progress.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mobilization advance of Rs.50 Lakh has been released.</li> <li>AC work completed. False ceiling stainless steel wall gladding work, partition work and epoxy painting work is pending.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Status as per state's communication dated 10.12.2018.</li> </ul>
29.	Uttar Pradesh* (Govt. Public Analyst Laboratory, Aliganj, Lucknow)	Rs. 50 Lakh (March 2017) Rs. 2 Crore (March 2018) Rs.3.50 Crore (May 2018)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lab is already renovated</li> <li>LCMS/MS has been installed and yet to be operationalized. Installation of GCMSMS and ICPMS is under process.</li> <li>State's proposal for upgradation of one more laboratory namely Regional Public Analyst Laboratory, Meerut is under consideration.</li> </ul>	State wide communication dated 28.11.2018 has been asked to send the revised proposal with additional information for microbiology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Status as per State's communication dated 10.12.2018</li> <li>Issues has been taken up with the Chief Secy of the State vide letter dated 03.10.2018.</li> </ul>



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30.	Uttarakhand (State Food and Drug Testing Laboratory, Rudrapur)	Rs. 50 Lakhs (April 2017)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RW yet to be started</li> <li>• No status has been furnished by the State, so far.</li> </ul>	No proposal has been received, so far.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issues has been taken up with the Chief Secy of the State vide letter dated 26.09.2018</li> <li>• Issues has been taken up with the Chief Secy of the State vide letter dated 26.09.2018.</li> </ul>
31.	West Bengal* ( State food Lab West Bengal, Kolkata)	Rs. 50 Lakh (March 2017) Rs. 8.50 Crore (November 2017) Rs. 50 Lakh (August 2018)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RW is in progress. Work relating to Civil works and Electrical works have been completed. Works relating to Sample preparation zone is under progress.</li> <li>• All the three high end equipment have been installed but commissioning is yet to be done.</li> <li>• NABL accreditation in the field of chemical testing has been received.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobilization advance of Rs.50 lakh has been released.</li> <li>• Works yet to be started as fund is lying with WBSH&amp;F Samity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status as per state's communication dated 12.12.2018.</li> </ul>

\* These State Food Testing Laboratories are NABL Accredited.

**In view of above, States/UTs are requested to carry out RW, shortlist vendors from the list of empanelled vendor given in Rate Contract, submit proposal for setting up of microbiology laboratory and also to submit UC in case the grant sanctioned for the specific work has been utilized.**

Status of the remaining states from where no food testing laboratory has been taken up for the upgradation, so far, is as under.

S. N.	Name of the State/UT & other components	Remark/Last Communication
1.	Jharkhand (Ranchi)	<p>As decided by the EC in its meeting held on 30.1.2018, release of grant is subject to the State providing evidence of availability/recruitment of requisite technical manpower and availability of other necessary functional equipment in the laboratory.</p> <p>State vide letter dated 11.7.2018 has provided evidence of availability of technical manpower.</p> <p>State vide letter dated 10.12.2018 has informed that Government of Jharkhand has sanctioned Rs.1.5 Crore for procuring basic modern instrument viz. UV Spectrophotometer, Gas Liquid Chromatography, Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer, High Performance Liquid Chromatography, HPLC Grade water Purification system.</p> <p>State vide its letter dated 25.01.2018 has submitted a proposal for the Microbiological Laboratory which is under consideration.</p>
2.	Bihar (Combined Food & Drug Lab, Agamkuan, Gulzarbagh, Patna)	<p>As decided by the EC in its meetings held on 30.1.2018 and 28.05.2018, release of grant is subject to the State providing evidence of availability/recruitment of requisite technical manpower and availability of other necessary functional equipment in the laboratory. State has furnished updated information through dashboard on 26.06.2018. State has also submitted proposal for setting up of microbiology laboratory. It has been decided to send a team for the gap analysis of the laboratory. The way forward is to be decided based on recommendation of the team.</p> <p>State vide letter dated 11.12.2018 has informed that during 2018-19 State has allocated Rs.8.00 lakh for the laboratory instruments with the help of which procurement process some instruments is in last stage.</p>
3.	Sikkim (Singtam)	<p>Proposal submitted by the State was deliberated in 5<sup>th</sup> EC meeting held on 28.05.2018. An FSSAI deputed team carried out gap analysis of the laboratory on 18.08.2018 after onsite visit and has submitted its recommendations for the upgradation of the laboratory. Same is under consideration.</p>
4.	Tripura (Agartala)	<p>State vide letter dated 17.06.2017 submitted the proposal for upgradation of their Regional Food Testing Laboratory, Agartala* which was incomplete. Further vide E-mail dated 02.07.2018, the state informed some updates. An FSSAI deputed team carried out gap analysis of the laboratory on 16.08.2018 after onsite visit and has submitted its recommendations for the upgradation of the laboratory. Same is under consideration.</p>
5.	Arunachal Pradesh	<p>There is no Food Laboratory in the State. State vide letter dated 19.8.2017 has informed that they will provide required plot of land and also requested to assist for the manpower and technical guidance/initial expenses etc. for the propose laboratory.</p> <p>As decided in 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the EC held on 28.05.2018, a meeting was held on 8.11.2018 Nodal Officer (SFTL) of the state to pave the way for the establishment of the Laboratory. As decided in the meeting, State is to approach MoDONER for support under their "North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme" (NESIDS) for the development of</p>

		land and construction of building.
6.	Mizoram (Aizwal)	<p>As there is no Food Laboratory in the State, there is provision for setting up of a new Food Testing Laboratory in the State under the Central Sector Scheme subject to readiness of State in terms of appropriate building space, technical manpower, uninterrupted electrical &amp; water supply, laboratory furniture, etc. for the operation of the laboratory. State vide letter dated 31.08.2016 informed that they will provide building infrastructure in Aizwal.</p> <p>State has been requested vide letter dated 13.10.2017, 23.11.2017, 15.12.2017, 08.01.2018, 22.02.2018 and 20.04.2018 to intimate their plan for engaging requisite manpower in the proposed laboratory, submit a detailed project report, etc which is still awaited. However, no response received.</p> <p>As decided in 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the EC held on 28.05.2018, FSSAI vide letter 03.07.2018 and subsequent reminder 24.08.2018 has requested the State to come for a meeting. Response of the State Government is still awaited.</p> <p>Issues has also been taken up with the Chief Secretary of the State vide letter dated 09.10.2018.</p>
7.	Andaman & Nicobar	<p>As per State's communication dated 17.04.2018, Andaman &amp; Nicobar Administration has informed that their present laboratory is housed in a temporary semi-RCC building which is in dilapidated condition. Therefore, up-gradation or modernization work of present laboratory is not possible. They have also informed that before any upgradation works a new building for the laboratory required to be constructed. In view of this, State has requested for financial assistance through Central Sector Scheme for constructing a new building to accommodate both chemical and microbiological laboratories. Vide letter dated 19.9.2018 State has been informed no financial assistance can be provided for the construction of the building. However, if UT administration constructs building from its own, a proposal for general/analytical equipment may be submitted. Response from State is still awaited.</p>

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**States/UTs are requested to provide requisite information so as to strengthen the food testing laboratories.**