

Directorate of Animal Health is a central sector scheme and has the following three components:

(a) Animal Quarantine and Certification Service

The objective of this service is to prevent ingress of exotic livestock diseases into India by regulating the import of livestock and livestock products and for providing export certification of International Standards for livestock & livestock products, which are exported from India. There are six quarantine stations in the country, out of which four, located at New Delhi, Chennai, Mumbai and Kolkata are operating smoothly from their own premises, which also include a small laboratory. Two other Animal Quarantine Stations at Hyderabad and Bangalore are currently operating from the airport offices where, the import of Grand Parent (GP) stock of poultry and livestock products are allowed. The establishment of Quarantine Stations at Hyderabad is under construction and Bangalore station is nearing completion.

(b) National Veterinary Biological Products Quality Control Centre, Baghpat

Chaudhary Charan Singh National Institute of Animal Health has been established at Baghpat, Uttar Pradesh to undertake the quality control and assurance of standard, efficient and safe veterinary biologicals in India and to act as a nodal institute to recommend licensing of veterinary vaccines in the country with a vision to promote healthy and productive livestock in Indian subcontinent using standard, efficient and safe veterinary biologicals. The institute has the following Mandate:

- To act as a nodal institute to recommend licensing of veterinary vaccines in the country
- To make available facilities for quality control of veterinary vaccines and diagnostics
- To make available standards for veterinary biologicals and diagnostics

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(c). Central/Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratories

In order to provide referral services over and above the 250 existing disease diagnostic laboratories in the States, one Central and five Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratories have been set up by strengthening the existing facilities. The Centre for Animal Disease Research and Diagnosis (CADRAD) of Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar is functioning as Central Laboratory. The Disease Investigation Laboratory, Pune, Institute of Animal Health and Veterinary Biologicals, Kolkata, Institute of Animal Health & Biologicals, Bangalore, Animal Health Institute, Jalandhar and Institute of Veterinary Biologicals, Khanapara, Guwahati are functioning as referral laboratories for Western, Eastern, Southern, Northern and North-Eastern regions respectively. The laboratories at NRDDL (Jalandhar), SRDDL (Bangalore), ERDDL (Kolkata) and CDDL (Izatnagar) have been strengthened with pre-fabricated BSL-III laboratories while a mobile BSL-III laboratory has been provided to NERDDL, Guwahati. These RDDLs have been of great help to the country for surveillance and diagnosis of various livestock and poultry diseases including Avian Influenza.