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In a bid to boost the domestic medical device manufacturing sector, the commerce ministry has decided to fund the setting up of three medical device testing laboratories in Noida (UP), Haryana and Gujarat, say reports. These places already have device manufacturing clusters.

Reportedly, Haryana and Gujarat governments have promised to allot land for the labs. However, in Noida, HLL Lifecare, a PSU, will be providing its campus for setting up the laboratory.

"To grow the industry and achieve the \$25 billion target, we need to lay greater emphasis on developing standards and making regulatory amendments to the existing Drugs and Cosmetics Act," said Mr Rajiv Capoor, joint secretary in the ministry in a statement.

"The detailed report on setting up of these laboratories would be timely," he added.