

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3731  
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FACILITIES FOR CATARACT  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether adequate medical facilities are not available for treatment of cataract in various States especially in Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the specific steps being taken by the Government in this direction?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a)to(c) Medical facilities are available in most parts of the Country for treatment of Cataract. Under the National Programme for Control of Blindness, 11 Regional Institutes of Ophthalmology, 82 Medical Colleges, 445 District Hospitals, 421 Mobile Eye Units and 5633 Primary Health Centres have been upgraded to provide eye care in general and treatment of Cataract in particular. 520 District Blindness Control Societies have been established for implementing eye care programme. Under the National Programme for Control of Blindness, eye surgeons are being trained and Equipments supplied for IOL Surgery. The facilities available in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh are at Annexure I.

**ANNEXURE - I**

**Existing Eye Care Facilities**

State	Regional Institute of Ophthalmol ogy ded	Medical Colleges of upgraded Hospi tal upgra	Distr ict Eye Units	Mobile Eye Units	PHC
Madhya Pradesh	1	6	45	45	623
Uttar Pradesh	1	6	68	71	860
Bihar	1	3	31	21	216
Maharashtra	0	5	36	33	612