

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5653
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BREAST FEEDING
RASHID ALVI

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an initiative has been taken by the Government to promote breast feeding and Baby Friendly Hospital;
- (b) if so, the number of hospitals in the country adopted or propose to adopt the scheme;
- (c) whether the concerned hospital, doctors and nurses have been given training in human lactarion management (HLMT);
- (d) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b),(c)&(d) Presently 1274 hospitals in India have adopted exclusive breastfeeding and been certified as Baby Friendly. According to a UNICEF study, 44% doctors in certified hospitals and 39% in non certified hospitals have received training.

(e) Does not arise.