

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3991
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EYE BANKS
Khaire Shri Chandrakant Bhaurao

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

- (a) whether most of the Eye Banks are ill equipped to preserve eyes;
- (b) if so, the estimated number of eyes donated every year and the number out of them that go waste; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) During the period January-December, 2005, the total number of eyes collected all over India is about 26,000. No eye is wasted as the eyes which are not suitable for surgery are used for Research and Training.

(c) Question does not arise.