

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

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SETTING UUP OF EYE BANKS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of eye banks located in various parts of the country, location-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to set up more such eye banks in various parts of the country particularly in Tamil Nadu;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which these will be set up?

Answer

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

(a): According to Eye Bank Association of India there are 453 Eye Banks in various States/UTs in the country. The location wise details are as follows:

S.No	State/UT's	No of Eye Banks
1.	Andhra Pradesh	74
2.	Tamil Nadu	13
3.	Karnataka	41
4.	Pondicherry	4
5.	Delhi	11
6.	Chandigarh	7
7	Punjab	23
8.	Rajasthan	21
9.	Haryana	14
10.	Gujarat	33
11.	Maharashtra	82
12.	Uttar Pradesh	36
13.	Madhya Pradesh	28
14.	West Bengal	29
15.	Orissa	4
16.	Assam	3
17.	Bihar	8
18.	Kerala	22
Total	453	

(b) to (d): There is a provision for setting up 25 Eye Banks in States/UT's including Tamil Nadu under National Programme for Control of Blindness during the Financial year 2006-07 (up to March, 2007).