

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

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EYE BANKS AT EACH DISTRICT
Singh Shri Sugrib

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

- (a): whether the Government proposes to set up eye banks in each district in the country under the National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB);
- (b): if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor; and
- (c): the time by which these eye banks are likely to be set up ?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): There is no proposal to set up eye banks in each district in the country under the National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB). NPCB has been providing financial support for setting up/strengthening eye banks in the country from Plan to Plan basis. The target for 11th Five Year Plan is to support 30 eye banks by providing non-recurring assistance upto Rs.15 lakh per eye bank with the aim to cover the entire country in a phased manner keeping in view resources and provision of funds under the Programme.