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STEM CELL BANKING
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the business of stem cell banking is growing rapidly in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action plan drawn by the Government to promote stem cell banking in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR EARTH SCIENCES (PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. Stem cell banking is being done in the private sector in the country. In addition, the Government is providing support to the public-funded institutions to generate human embryonic stem cell lines and their storage for research purpose.

(c) The Department of Biotechnology and Indian Council of Medical Research have jointly formulated guidelines for stem cell research and therapy. The guidelines also include cord blood banking and human embryonic stem cell banking. Region-wise public consultation is in progress on these guidelines.