

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EYE BANKS

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up Eye banks in all the district headquarters of the country under the National Programme for Control of Blindness (NCPRB);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) to (c): At present, there is no proposal to set up Eye Banks in all the district headquarters of the country under the National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB) in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

However, the target during the 11th Five Year Plan (2007-12) is to develop a network of 30 Eye Banks in the country to facilitate collection and processing of donated eyes by providing non-recurring assistance upto Rs.15 lakh per unit under NPCB as per requirement from States/UTs.