

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

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UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD BANK
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up Centralised Cryo service- Umbilical Cord Blood Bank for preservation of umbilical cord coming out at the time of child birth;
- (b) if so the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is carrying out any campaign for preserving umbilical cord or sensitizing the family of pregnant women in all the States of the country so as to make them understand its importance; and
- (d) the place where the first umbilical cord bank of the country is proposed to be set up by the Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) to (d): This Ministry has no proposal for establishing umbilical cord blood bank.