

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2507  
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SCREENING TEST FOR METABOLIC DISEASES IN INFANTS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether certain companies collecting stem cells from the umbilical cord have introduced a screening test for the investigation of 118 metabolic diseases in infants;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the extent to which the claims of the company are reliable and accurate;
- (c) whether Government proposes to make such test mandatory for infants; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ABU HASEM KHAN CHOUDHURY)

- (a) & (b): No such information is maintained.
- (c) & (d) : Government has no proposal for making such test mandatory for infants as per current policy.