

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

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SETTING UP OF EYE HOSPITALS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposals from the State Governments including the State Government of Gujarat for the setting up of Eye Hospitals in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Under the National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB), proposals in the form of Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) are received from the State Governments and are evaluated in the meetings held in the Ministry of Health under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) keeping in view the approved schemes, availability of budget and existing eye care infrastructure in States.

In the PIP for 2009-10, Government of Gujarat had proposed to provide assistance for setting up/strengthening/expansion of two eye care units under Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) sector in the State, which could not be approved considering limited availability of budget under NPCB during the current financial year (2009-10).