

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3139  
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BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is taking any steps for the preservation of biological samples in criminal cases so as to prevent their decaying before being sent for forensic tests;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;and
- (c) if not, the reasons thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (c) Biological samples viz. Blood and Tissues are preserved using suitable preservatives in hospitals by medical officers before sending to forensic science laboratories for examinations. Forensic Laboratories have no role in the preservation of biological samples before being sent to them.