

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

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

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- (a) the number of human milk banks presently set up and operational in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has formulated/proposes to formulate any guidelines for regulating such human milk banks and to ensure the quality and safety of donated breast milk; and
- (c) if so, the details and main features thereof along with the time by which the said guidelines are likely to be formulated/implemented?

Answer

- (a): Information regarding presently set up and operational human milk banks in the country is not maintained at the Central level.
- (b) & (c): Under National Health Mission, a technical committee has been set up for formulation of guidelines for setting up Human Milk Banks in Government Hospitals, and drafting of guidelines is under process.