

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

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TISSUE BANKS

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

- (a) the details of tissue banks operational in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up new tissue banks at various levels in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated and utilised for the purpose, State/UT-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a): Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has set up a National Tumour Tissue Repository (INTTR) at the Tata Memorial Hospital (TMH), Parel, Mumbai, in 2005. A total of 29,993 biospecimens have been collected from 24,533 patients at the Tata Memorial Hospital till February 2015. A total of 2004 biospecimens have been disbursed to 41 various projects along with clinical and follow up data of 994 patients. Six International peer reviewed publications have acknowledged INTTR.

Further, Drug Controller General of India has informed that umbilical cord blood banks are regulated under Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules 1945, which stores the umbilical cord blood. There are 14 umbilical Cord blood banks approved and operating in the country, the State and UT's wise details of which are annexed.

(b) & (c): No.