

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Stem Cell Therapy

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

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(a) whether the treatment through stem cell has been started in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the hospitals in the country providing treatment through stem cell therapy; and

(c) the details of the guidelines prepared/ issued by the Government to give permission for starting stem cell research and treatment in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE

(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) to (c): No treatment regime using Stem Cells has been established yet, however, treatment using Stem Cell is only valid for diseases like Cancer. All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, is providing treatment through Stem Cell Therapy to Cancer patients only.

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), in collaboration with the Department of Biotechnology, has prepared the National Guidelines for Stem Cell Research in the year 2013. These guidelines apply to all stakeholders including individual researchers, organizations, sponsors, oversight/regulatory committees and any others associated with both basic and clinical research on all types of human stem cells and their derivatives. The details are at Annexure.

As per the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) National Guidelines for Stem Cell Research (2013), there are no approved indications for Stem Cell Therapy other than the Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (HSCT) for hemological disorders.