

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5036
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH DECEMBER, 2016**

EYE BANKS

5036. DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

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

- (a) the number of eye banks existing in the country both Government and private run, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government is aware of the illegal trafficking of eyes to foreign countries by private eye banks; and
- (c) if so, the number of cases reported during last three years and the action taken thereon?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a): As per the information made available by all State/UTs, a statement indicating the number of eye banks existing in the country, both Government and private run, State/UT-wise is annexed.

(b) & (c): Health being a State subject, it is primarily the responsibility of the State to monitor the activities of eye banks. No report has been received from States/UTs about the illegal trafficking of eyes to foreign countries by private eye banks during last three years.

The Number of existing Eye Banks in the County

S.No	Name of the State/UTs	Govt. run Eye Banks	Private run Eye Banks	Total
1	Andaman& Nicobar Island	0	0	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	4	13	17
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0
4	Assam	3	2	5
5	Bihar	1	0	1
6	Chandigarh	2	1	3
7	Chhattisgarh	3	2	5
8	D & N Haveli	0	0	0
9	Daman & Diu	0	0	0
10	Delhi	4	6	10
11	Goa	0	1	1
12	Gujarat	9	31	40
13	Haryana	1	10	11
14	Himanchal Pradesh	2	0	2
15	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	0
16	Jharkhand	1	3	4
17	Karnataka	7	31	38
18	Kerala	5	5	10
19	Lakshadweep	0	0	0
20	Madhya Pradesh	5	35	40
21	Maharashtra	13	58	71
22	Manipur	1	0	1
23	Meghalaya	0	0	0
24	Mizoram	1	0	1
25	Nagaland	0	0	0
26	Odisha	3	3	6
27	Puducherry	0	1	1
28	Punjab	3	14	17
29	Rajasthan	4	5	9
30	Sikkim	0	0	0
31	Tamil Nadu	19	12	31
32	Telangana	1	2	3
33	Tripura	1	0	1
34	Uttar Pradesh	9	18	27
35	Uttarakhand	0	1	1
36	West Bengal	3	11	14
	Total	105	265	370