

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

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 562  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2018  
BREAST MILK BANKS**

**\*562. SHRI R. DHRUVA NARAYANA:**

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

(a) whether breast milk banks exist in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government plans to open such banks to provide/supply breast milk free of cost to sick and premature babies and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has framed guidelines for such banks and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

(a) to (c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA  
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a)

- There are some breast milk banks established under private and government establishments in the country.
- Detailed information on private milk banks is not available. However, National Government has supported for establishment of one milk bank in West Bengal and 10 milk banks in Tamil Nadu as innovation projects under National Health Mission (NHM).

(b) & (c)

- The Government has released the “National Guidelines on establishment of Lactation Management Centres in public health facilities” in June 2017. This is a guiding document for setting up of comprehensive lactation management services that includes establishment of “Comprehensive Lactation management Centres (CLMCs)” in large District Hospitals and Medical Colleges for improving access to human milk for sick newborns and infants admitted in these Government hospitals. These guidelines are available online on National Health Mission website at [http://nhm.gov.in/images/pdf/programmes/IYCF/National\\_Guidelines\\_Lactation\\_Management\\_Centres.pdf](http://nhm.gov.in/images/pdf/programmes/IYCF/National_Guidelines_Lactation_Management_Centres.pdf)

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