

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2455  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018**

**EYE BANKS**

**2455. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA ALIAS HARISH DWIVEDI:**

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

- (a) the total number of eye banks in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether any target has been set for eye donation for every year; and
- (c) if so, the details of the assistance received by these eye banks during the last three years and the current year, State/UT wise?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a): Based on the information furnished by States/UTs, a statement showing total number of registered eye banks in the country is given at **Annexure**.
- (b): A minimum target of 50,000 has been set for collection of donated eyes annually under the National Programme for Control of Blindness & Visual Impairment (NPCB&VI) in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- (c): Eye donation is a voluntary activity regulated under the Transplantation of Human Organ Act, 1994. However, there is a provision for recurring assistance of Rs.2,000/- per pair of donated eye to identified Eye Banks towards the cost of consumables including preservation material and media, transportation/ Petrol Oil Lubricants (POL) and contingencies through the respective District Health Societies in States/UTs. The details of assistance received by the Eye Banks from respective District Health Societies in States/UTs are not maintained centrally.

## Annexure

## No. of Registered Eye Banks in the country (State/Ut-wise)

S.No.	States/Uts	No. of Eye Banks
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	11
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0
4	Assam	7
5	Bihar	1
6	Chhattisgarh	4
7	Chandigarh	3
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0
9	Daman & Diu	0
10	Delhi	9
11	Goa	1
12	Gujarat	21
13	Haryana	12
14	Himachal Pradesh	2
15	Jammu & Kashmir	1
16	Jharkhand	6
17	Karnataka	25
18	Kerala	2
19	Lakshadweep	0
20	Madhya Pradesh	33
21	Maharashtra	73
22	Manipur	1
23	Meghalaya	0
24	Mizoram	1
25	Nagaland	0
26	Odisha	6
27	Puducherry	3
28	Punjab	9
29	Rajasthan	6
30	Sikkim	0
31	Tamil Nadu	26
32	Telangana	5
33	Tripura	1
34	Uttar Pradesh	33
35	Uttarakhand	1
36	West Bengal	13
	Total	316