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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3541 TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH MARCH, 2018

SETTING UP OF SKIN BANK

3541. DR. UDIT RAJ:

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

- (a) whether AIIMS, New Delhi is considering to set up Skin Bank and also plans to develop artificial skin and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up such skin banks in various hospitals across the country in view of growing number of burn injuries; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (c): At present, there is no skin bank at AIIMS, New Delhi. However, Safdarjung Hospital at Delhi already has a skin bank under NOTTO. Moreover, skin banks are set up in hospitals keeping in view the requirement and availability of funds.