

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4229
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH DECEMBER, 2019**

BREAST MILK BANKS

4229. SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to implement Breast Milk Banks in nation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of such banks sanctioned and funds allocated therefor, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the role played by the health centers in this programme?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) to (c): As per the “National Guidelines on Establishment of Lactation Management Centres in Public Health Facilities”, Breast Milk Banks in India are known as Comprehensive Lactation Management Centres (CLMC) and Lactation Management Unit (LMU), depending on the level of health facilities where these units are established. The national guidelines with operational and technical guidance on establishment of Lactation Management Centres in public health facilities have been shared, and funding support is provided to the States and UTs for the same as per proposals received in their Annual Programme Implementation Plans. The State/UT wise CLMCs/LMUs sanctioned and funds allocated in the FY, 2019-20 is annexed.

(d): The foremost endeavour of the health care providers in a health centre is to conserve the natural act of breastfeeding. Lactation Management Centres are in no way intended to lessen the importance of Mother’s own milk or the practice of breastfeeding. If Mother’s own milk is insufficient or not available for any unavoidable reason, Donor Human Milk (DHM) is the next best alternative to bridge the gap.

Annexure

State/UTs wise list of sanctioned Comprehensive Lactation Management Centres (CLMCs)/Lactation Management Units (LMUs) and the funds approved in FY: 2019-20.

S. No	State/UTs	Number of Sanctioned CLMCs/LMUs	Funds approved in FY-2019-20 (in lakhs)
1	Karnataka	1	22.03
2	Gujarat	3	43.44
3	Telangana	4	172.49
4	West Bengal	1	27.48
5	Maharashtra	3	64.90
6	Rajasthan	9	712.01
7	Uttar Pradesh	1	97.50
8	Madhya Pradesh	2	13.20