

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2099
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH DECEMBER, 2021**

EYE HOSPITALS

**2099. SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE
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SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:**

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

- a): the number of eye hospitals functioning in the country, State/UT-wise;
- b) Whether these hospitals have shortage of senior doctors/specialists resulting in hardship to patients and if so, the details thereof and the correctives steps taken in this regard
- c): whether the Central Government hospitals and its associated hospitals including All India Institute of Medical Sciences lack adequate basic facility including advanced eye treatment and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- d) whether the Government has received any proposals from the State Governments of Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu for setting up of eye hospitals and if so, the details thereof; and
- e) the steps taken /being taken by the Government to improve the facility in eye hospitals including timely retrieval and transplantation of eyes and also to promote eye donation in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(DR.BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)

(a) to (c): Health is a State subject. However, Central Government supplements the efforts of State Governments by providing technical and financial support. The Government of India has Centrally Sponsored scheme namely “National Programme for Control of Blindness and Visual Impairment”(NPCBVI) under which the tertiary eye care services are provided at Eye Care Hospitals, Regional Institute of Ophthalmology(RIO) and other hospitals of central government. Apart from them, the eye care hospitals are set up by State Governments, Local Bodies, NGOs and in the private sector also. The complete data in this regard is not available. The information on the number of hospitals as made available by the State Governments is given at **Annexure-I**. The details of the data available on ‘Vision Atlas’ prepared in 2020 by the Dr. Rajendra Prasad Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences, AIIMS, New Delhi is given at **Annexure II**. Some of the States have reported shortage of Doctors/Specialists at eye hospitals.

As far as the central government hospitals and its associated hospitals including All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) are concerned, they do have adequate basic facility and also the facilities for advanced eye treatment. Under the NPCBVI, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provides funds for identified equipments and modular eye OTs at RIOs and Central Government Eye Hospitals. The programme also provides funds for strengthening of eye wards at district hospitals in States/UTs.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The Government has taken following steps to improve the facility in the eye hospitals, timely retrieval and transplantation of eyes and also to promote eye donation in the country:

- 1) Central Government provides financial assistance to Regional Institutes of Ophthalmology for strengthening and up-gradation of (RIOs) to become Centres of Excellence (COE) in various sub-specialties of ophthalmology and also other partners like Government Medical College, District Hospitals, Sub-district Hospitals, Vision Centres;
- 2) Financial Assistance for construction of dedicated Eye Wards and Eye OTs in District Hospitals of the States.
- 3) Assistance to Eye Banks and Eye Donation Centres for improvement in cornea collection and eye banking services;
- 4) For an efficient eye banking system, a three tier organization structure is followed. At the top of the pyramid is the Eye Bank Training Center followed by Eye Banks and at the base of the pyramid is the eye retrieval/Donation center.
- 5) Pattern of assistance provided by Central Government under NPCBVI is attached at **Annexure-III.**

States/UTs wise number of Eye Hospitals (Government or Private Sector) in the Country

S.No.	States/UTs	No. of Eye Hospitals		
		Regional Institute of Ophthalmology (RIOs)	Government Sector with District Hospitals	Private/ NGO Sector
1.	Andhra Pradesh	0	72	423
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	08	NR
3.	Assam	01	30	NR
4.	Bihar	01	66	NR
5.	Chhattisgarh	01	35	94
6.	Chandigarh	0	03	NR
7.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	04	06
8.	Daman & Diu	0	NR	NR
9.	Delhi	01	35	NR
10.	Goa	0	04	09
11.	Gujarat	01	88	128
12.	Haryana	01	39	279
13.	Himachal Pradesh	0	23	NR
14.	Jammu	0	0	0
15.	Kashmir	01	NR	NR
16.	Jharkhand	01	14	NR
17.	Karnataka	01	NR	107
18.	Kerala	01	60	NR
19.	Lakshadweep	0	01	0
20.	Madhya Pradesh	01	0	0
21.	Maharashtra	01	1903	
22.	Manipur	0	0	0
23.	Meghalaya	0	03	0
24.	Mizoram	0	08	0
25.	Nagaland	0	0	0
26.	Odisha	01	50	84
27.	Puducherry	0	06	14
28.	Punjab	01	NR	NR
29.	Rajasthan	01	73	0
30.	Sikkim	0	05	0
31.	Tamil Nadu	01	96	600
32.	Telangana	01	13	56
33.	Tripura	0	0	0
34.	Uttar Pradesh	02	132	175
35.	Uttarakhand	0	28	11
36.	West Bengal	01	100	NR
	Total	20	2,899	1,986

NR- Not Reported by States.

ANNEXURE-II

State	Total institute	govt. Institute	pvt Institute	ngo Institute	Total ophthalmologist	Full Time ophthalmologist	Part Time ophthalmologist
A & N ISLANDS	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
ANDHRA PRADESH	397	46	284	67	950	781	169
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	8	8	0	0	12	12	0
ASSAM	101	38	52	11	330	262	68
BIHAR	248	40	171	37	550	380	170
CHANDIGARH	21	3	16	2	116	97	19
CHATTISGARH	103	38	59	6	219	187	32
DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	4	1	3	0	7	7	0
DAMAN & DIU	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
DELHI	249	36	193	20	1085	772	313
GOA	62	14	48	0	115	68	47
GUJARAT	648	57	471	120	1270	975	295
HARYANA	329	34	251	44	774	515	259
HIMACHAL PRADESH	62	15	40	7	132	105	27
JAMMU & KASHMIR	45	22	22	1	140	120	20
JHARKHAND	183	22	122	39	405	230	175
KARNATAKA	504	113	340	51	1400	1110	290
KERALA	219	46	147	26	700	542	158
LAKSHADWEEP	1	1	0	0	2	2	0
Ladakh	2	2	0	0	2	2	0
MADHYA PRADESH	242	64	150	28	656	509	147
MAHARASHTRA	1360	105	1116	139	3533	2255	1278
MANIPUR	8	6	1	1	20	17	3
MEGHALAYA	14	9	2	3	27	20	7
MIZORAM	11	8	0	3	25	22	3
NAGALAND	9	6	2	1	9	8	1
ODISHA	173	52	87	34	475	351	124
PONDICHERRY	20	3	9	8	184	177	7
PUNJAB	324	26	254	44	734	534	200
RAJASTHAN	424	81	279	64	892	729	163
SIKKIM	6	4	2	0	10	9	1
TAMIL NADU	499	95	340	64	1933	1623	310
TELANGANA	415	9	385	21	948	707	241
TRIPURA	14	9	2	3	27	18	9
UTTAR PRADESH	718	109	487	122	1671	1265	406
UTTARAKHAND	99	20	61	18	235	182	53
WEST BENGAL	377	87	183	107	1352	779	573
Total	7901	1230	5580	1091	20944	15373	5571

Pattern of Assistance provided by Central Government

Grant-in-aid for maintenance of ophthalmic equipments	Maintenance of ophthalmic equipments @ Rs.5 lakh per district to ensure longevity of costly ophthalmic equipments supplied under the programme. (States shall include this activity in Bio-Medical Equipments Maintenance Programme (BEMP). However, the State may continue the existing procedure, till the activity is awarded under BEMP).												
Financial Assistance to RIOs under NPCBVI (Tertiary Care Scheme)	During last three years 10 Centers of Excellence (Regional Institutes of Ophthalmology) have been strengthened by providing financial assistance of Rs. 20 crore for procurement of Ophthalmic equipments and construction of modular eye OTs .												
Grant-in-aid for District Hospitals/ Sub-District Hospitals/ Vision Centres	Strengthening of District Hospitals/ Sub-District Hospitals/ PHCs (Vision Centres) in Govt. Sector. (As per IPHS norms based on the state proposals)												
Grant-in-aid for Eye Banks	Eye Banks in public sector upto Rs.40 lakh per unit for equipments and furnishing towards strengthening/developing eye banks. Around 320 eye banks are functioning in India.												
Grant-in-aid for Eye Donation Centres	Eye Donation Centre in public sector upto Rs.1 lakh per unit for strengthening/developing eye donation centre.												
Grant-in-aid for construction of dedicated eye units	Construction of Dedicated Eye Unit (Eye Ward and Eye OT) in public sector @ Rs.100 lakh per unit.												
Grant-in-aid to Eye Banks in Government/Voluntary Sector	Recurring GIA to Eye Bank @ Rs.2,000/- per pair of eyes (Eye Bank will reimburse to Eye Donation Centre attached with it for eye collected by them @ Rs.1,000/- per pair of eyes) to meet the cost of consumables including preservation material & media, transportation/POL and contingencies.												
Grant-in-aid for Keratoplasty to NGOs .and private practitioners	Keratoplasty @Rs.7,500/- During last three years details of Corneal Collection and Keratoplasty is as under:- <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Collection of Donated Eyes</th> <th>Keratoplasty</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2018-19</td> <td>68409</td> <td>26601</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2019-20</td> <td>65417</td> <td>31019</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2020-21</td> <td>17402</td> <td>11859</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Year	Collection of Donated Eyes	Keratoplasty	2018-19	68409	26601	2019-20	65417	31019	2020-21	17402	11859
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Grant-in-aid for Information Education Communication (IEC) in State/district	State level IEC @ Rs.10 lakh for minor States and Rs.20 lakh for major States. IEC activities Under the IEC activities of the National Programme for control of blindness, radio & television media network advertisement for donating eyes after death. Celebration of National Fortnight on Eye Donation” between 25 th August to 8 th September every year. During this fortnight,												

	<p>intensified publicity through all available media is given to step up eye donation campaign and persuade people to donate eyes after death. The focus of the fortnight has been shifted from “Pledging of Eyes” to “Actual Collection of Eyes” by launching “Hospital Retrievable Programme” in major hospitals with various specialties, teaching hospitals attached to medical colleges and large multi speciality hospitals in Government and Non – Government Sector, Army, Railways, ESI and Industrial Establishments of the Country.</p>
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