

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2138  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2021**

**HUMAN MILK BANKS**

**2138. SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE:**

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

- (a) whether there are any guidelines and regulations for Human Milk Banks in the country at present;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor: and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to evolve and enforce guidelines for regulation of Human Milk Banks at the earliest?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE  
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (d):

The national guidelines on Human Milk Banks have been released in the year 2017, known as “National guidelines on Lactation Management Centres in Public Health facilities”, which provide guidance on establishing Comprehensive Lactation Management Centres (CLMCs) for the purpose of donor human milk collection, storage, processing and dispensing for babies admitted in public health facilities, as well as providing lactation support to mothers at all delivery points. The lactation management centres are established at three levels namely:

I. Comprehensive Lactation Management Centres (CLMCs): are established at the tertiary public health facilities, i.e. medical colleges and district hospitals that meet the prerequisites on assessment carried out by State/District Quality Assurance Committee.

II. Lactation Management Units (LMUs): are established at the sub-district hospitals and First Referral Units (FRUs) that meet the prerequisite criteria on assessment carried out by State/District Quality Assurance Committee.

III. Lactation Support Units (LSUs): are constituted in all Delivery Points (DPs) by forming a dedicated team of IYCF trained staff to provide round the clock breastfeeding support as well as lactation counselling support to mothers, to maintain the continuum of care.

The guidelines indicate the site for establishing each CLMC, LMU and LSU. Also, it provides information about infrastructure requirement such as designing the unit, essential areas such as Reception cum administrative area, Counselling area, Milk expression area, Cleaning/autoclaving room, Milk processing area, Microbiological laboratory, Milk storage area,

Human Resource for establishing CLMC, layout plan and cost for setting up comprehensive lactation management centre (CLMC). The link for detailed guideline is placed below:  
[https://nhm.gov.in/images/pdf/programmes/IYCF/National\\_Guidelines\\_Lactation\\_Management\\_Centres.pdf](https://nhm.gov.in/images/pdf/programmes/IYCF/National_Guidelines_Lactation_Management_Centres.pdf)

Several consultations are held for development of regulatory framework for Human Milk Banks.