

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RESEARCH ON STEM CELL THERAPY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to conduct research on stem cell therapy in collaboration with South Korea;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has discussed the issues with South Korea;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the reaction of South Korea thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (d) : Letters of Intent have been received from HistoStem Inc., Dclaware, USA and HistoStem Inc., Korea wherein it is proposed to set up Cord Blood Stem Cell Banking network in India to store stem Cells as well as to coordinate research for the development of Stem Cell therapies to treat various malignancies and diseases. The issues were discussed by an Indian delegation during their recent visit to Korea. Details of collaboration are being worked out.