

Brief Note Achievement 2011-12(up to Feb 12) Under National Programme for Control of Blindness, Punjab

National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB) was launched in the State of Punjab in 1976 with 100% central assistance. The infrastructure was developed in the State in a phased manner and has been covered under Non-Plan Scheme. The progress of the programme 2011-12 (upto Feb'12) is as under:-

- 1. 1,81,761 Cataract Operations were performed**
- 2. In 1,73,431 patients out of total of 1,81,761 cataract operations, IOL Implantation was performed**
- 3. 54,930 Spectacles were distributed to School Children under NPCB & School Health**
- 4. 982 Eye Balls were procured for Corneal Transplantation**
- 5. 4,509 patients of Other Eye Diseases e.g. Squint, Corneal Opacity, Diabetic Retinopathy etc. were treated.**
- 6. 5141 cases of Phaco Emulsification were performed**
- 7. 912 patients of Posterior Capsular Opacification were treated with YAG Laser**

There are 10 Approved Eye Banks

There are 08 Approved Eye Donation Centers

Since, 80% of blindness is due to cataract, a major thrust in the year 2012-13 would be on reducing Cataract prevalence by bringing down the level of blindness from 1.0% to 0.3% by 2020.

- 1. On performing 95% of Cataract surgeries with IOL implantation.**
 - 2. To provide latest equipments for Eye surgeries like Phaco Machines and A-scan etc. Emphasis is given on Phaco Emulsification -- Stitch less Eye Surgery.**
 - 3. To use Non invasive technology like Yag laser to correct post operative PCO and treat Glaucoma.**
 - 4. To effectively implemented in the State all components of the programme.**
- I. School Eye Screening Programme is carried out in the State by Ophthalmic Officers and Medical Officers of Govt. Institutions.**
 - II. Free Distribution of the spectacles through District Health Societies.**
 - III. Training of Teachers & Para-Medical Staff.**