

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2255
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SHORTAGE OF BLOOD IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the shortage of blood in Karnataka;
- (b) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State to help and assist to meet the shortage of blood;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

- (a) There is no reported shortage of blood in Karnataka. However, there could be occasional and seasonal shortages of some rare blood groups which is being addressed by promoting voluntary blood donations and maintaining blood donor registers.
- (b) to (d). Does not arise.