

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:288

ANSWERED ON:05.12.2007

ASSESSMENT REGARDING SHORTAGE OF BLOOD BANKS

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

- (a) whether any assessment about the shortage of blood-banks in the country has been carried out by the Union Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken to increase the number of blood banks in the country; and
- (d) the State-wise details of the number of existing blood-banks?

Answer

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

(a)to(d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 288 FOR 5TH DECEMBER, 2007 The assessment of the infrastructure available in the district level Blood banks was done during the planning of National AIDS Control Programme Phase III. 39 districts do not have a Blood bank in the public sector. The State –wise list of these 39 districts is at Annexure-I. The Government of India is supporting State Governments to establish Blood banks in these 39 districts by providing one time equipment grant and annual recurring grant for salary of one Laboratory Technician and for kits and consumables while the building and manpower is provided by the State.

The State-wise list of blood banks supported by National AIDS Control Organisation under modernisation of blood banks is at Annexure-II.