

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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BLOOD BANKS

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

- (a) the number of blood banks alongwith shortage,if any,in the country,State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up more blood banks in rural and urban areas;and
- (c) if so,the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) There is no reported shortage of blood banks in the country.A statement indicating State-wise number of blood banks is enclosed.

(b) & (c): Under the Blood Safety component of National AIDS Control Programme–Phase III,39 districts have been identified having no blood banks in the public sector.Out of these 39 districts,blood banks in 8 districts have already started functioning.In the remaining 31 districts,once the civil construction is completed and manpower is deployed by the State Government,these blood banks will also be made operational by providing essential equipments and annual recurrent grant for consumables and salary of one laboratory technician as per the approved pattern of assistance,from Government of India.

To ensure access to safe and quality blood for far-flung areas,it is proposed to establish Blood Storage Centres in First Referral Units. A target to set up 3222 such Blood Storage Centres have been fixed for Phase – III of National AIDS Control Programme,of which 436 Blood Storage Centres have been made operational as on date.