

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

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

- (a) the number of licensed blood banks in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up more number of blood banks across the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise;
- (d) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government to set up mobile blood banks in various parts of the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. GANDHISELVAN)

(a): There are 2477 licensed blood banks across the country. State/U.T.-wise list of number of licensed blood banks is given at Annexure - I

(b) & (c): As per the assessment carried out during the planning of National AIDS Control Programme, Phase-III, 39 districts in the country were not having a blood bank in the public sector. Thus, these 39 districts were taken up for support to set up blood banks in these districts by State Governments. 18 blood banks have started operation since then. The Government of India is supporting state government to establish blood banks in the remaining 21 districts by providing one time equipment and annual recurring grant for salary of one lab technician and funds for kits and consumables etc as per the approved pattern of assistance.

The State/UT wise list of 39 districts is enclosed at Annexure-II and 18 districts where blood banks have been established is enclosed at Annexure-III.

(d); No.

(e): No.