

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to promote voluntary blood donation, particularly among the youth in the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to create a database of blood donors for boosting blood donations and thereby reducing the expense on maintenance of blood in blood banks;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken to include HIV positive patients in the said database?

Answer

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

- (a): The Government has taken initiatives to undertake voluntary blood donation activities including voluntary blood donation camps. This is being done in collaboration with Indian Red Cross Society, NSS, NCC , NYKS and with other Blood Donor organizations. Promotion of public awareness for the need for voluntary blood has been done through mass media and mid media activities with focus on youth. State training programmes are regularly held to train the donor motivators and sensitize them for community mobilization.
- (b) to (d): As per the provisions under the Drug and Cosmetics Act each blood bank maintains a donor record register and no separate database including data base for HIV positive persons, is proposed for boosting blood donations.