

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:178
ANSWERED ON:02.12.2011
MODERNISATION OF BLOOD BANKS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government provides financial and technical support for modernization of blood banks in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the criteria adopted for the purpose;
- (c) the number of blood banks modernized alongwith the grants provided to them during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise.
- (d) whether reports of such grants to a number of unlicensed blood banks have come to the notice of the Government;
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken thereon ; and
- (f) the steps taken/proposed for the speedy modernization of all the blood banks in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 178 FOR 2ND DECEMBER, 2011

(a)&(b): Government of India is providing financial and technical support for modernization of blood banks in public, voluntary and charitable sector in the country.

The scheme for modernisation of Blood Banks under the National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) is providing one time grant for procurement of essential equipments and annual recurring grant for procurement of kits/consumables, salary of Laboratory Technicians and Counselors.

The criteria adopted under the scheme is to include all blood banks in the public sector, blood banks in the voluntary sector including Indian Red Cross Society and Rotary and also selected blood banks located in various charitable sectors. The pattern of assistance for various categories of blood banks under the modernisation scheme is given at Annexure I.

In addition to the above, NACP is also providing support to blood banks for other elements for blood transfusion service for augmentation of voluntary blood donation and increasing awareness among healthy population including youth for voluntary blood donation and quality management with training of blood bank personnel.

(c) The Statement indicating the State/U.T-wise list of number of blood banks modernised during the last three years and the current year is given at Annexure 2A. The cumulative State/U.T-wise number of blood banks modernised during the entire National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) is given at Annexure 2B.

The grants provided under Blood Safety Component of National AIDS Control Programme, State/UT-wise during last three years and the current year is enclosed at Annexure 3.

(d)&(e): Under the scheme, NACP is not providing any financial support to unlicensed blood banks in the country. No reports in this regard have been received by the Government.

(f) As per the proposals received from states from time to time, various blood banks in public and voluntary/ charitable sectors are taken up for modernization. As on date, no such proposal is pending for modernisation.