

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has assessed annual shortage of blood in the country;
- (b) if so, the details along with the outcome thereof and the measures taken/proposed by the Government to meet the annual shortage of blood;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal from the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) to raise the price of blood per unit in the hospitals across the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the action taken/proposed by the Government on the said proposal?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S.GANDHISEVAN)

(a) & (b): The demand of blood and blood products for health care is being met through a network of 2535 blood banks as per Drug Controller General (India), out of which 1155 blood banks are supported by National AIDS Control Organisation. In case of shortage of blood in hospitals, the requirement of blood is met by the transportation of required blood units to district hospitals through designated Regional Blood Transfusion Centres in the States. As per the specification of World Health Organisation (WHO), the estimated requirement of blood in the country is 8.5-10.0 million units per annum. During 2011-12, 9.3. million units were collected throughout the country.

(c) to (e): No.