

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has provided financial and technical support for modernisation of blood banks under the National Aids Control Programme (NACP) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the criteria adopted for the purpose;
- (c) the number of blood banks modernised indicating the funds allocated, released and utilised for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether any proposals have been received from the States in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Under Blood safety component of National AIDS Control Programme (NACP), Government of India is providing financial and technical support for modernization of blood banks in public, voluntary and charitable sector in the country.

Under the scheme, one time grant for essential equipments and annual recurring grant for procurement of kits/consumables, salary of Laboratory Technicians and Counselors is being provided.

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 etc. and also selected blood banks located in charitable sector. The pattern of assistance for various categories of blood banks supported under the scheme is given at Annexure 'A'.

In addition to the above, NACP is also providing support to blood banks for other elements for blood transfusion service i.e. Training of blood bank personel, promotion of voluntary blood donation and ensuring quality management practices in blood banks.

(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 'B'. The State/U.T-wise cumulative number of blood banks supported under National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) last three years and the current year, is given at Annexure 'C'.

The funds allocated, released and utilised under Blood Safety Component of National AIDS Control Programme State/UT-wise during last three years and the current year is enclosed at Annexure 'D'.

(d) & (e): Proposals are being received from states from time to time, for various blood banks in public and voluntary/ charitable sectors to be considered for modernisation. As on date, no such proposal is pending for modernisation.