GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6070 ANSWERED ON:03.05.2013 BLOOD PLASMA BANKS Kalmadi Shri Suresh

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

(a) the number of blood banks set up against the targets in various districts under phase I, phase II and phase III of the National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) across the country, separately, State/UTwise;

(b) the reasons for shortfall in meeting the said targets, if any, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether funds were allocated/ released for setting up of metro plasma banks/Plasma Fractionation Centres under the phase III of the NACP;

(d) if so, whether no such centres have been set up under the phase III of the NACP; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and the corrective measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) Under the phase – I and phase – II of the NACP in Blood Safety Component no targets were set. In NACP – III, under the Modernization Scheme of Blood Banks a target of 39 District Level Blood Banks has been set in different parts of the country where no blood banks is available. Details of the target and achievement are annexed.

(b) In the NACP – III, due to lack of infrastructure, equipments installation, recruitment of manpower and awaiting license from the regulatory authority are the main reasons for shortfall in meeting the above said targets.

(c)&(d) Yes.

(e) Obtaining land free of cost from the states was the major cause of time overrun. Resultant cost overrun in the project has necessitated revisions and seeking approvals. To avoid further delay in the matters, Government has initiated appropriate measures to revise the proposals and take them up during National AIDS Control Programme -IV.