

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

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BLOOD BANKS IN LAKSHADWEEP
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Thalassemia patients of various islands including Minicoy Island in the UT of Lakshadweep have to come to mainland Hospitals for a treatment in the absence of any blood transfusions centre at these islands;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to assist the UT Administration for development of infrastructure for the blood bank in the UT of Lakshadweep;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): No such information is available in the Ministry.

(c) to (e): No such proposal has been received from the UT of Lakshadweep. However, the State Governments are allowed to submit their proposals for the purpose as part of their Annual National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) Programme Implementation Plan (PIP) for consideration by the Central Government.