

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:135

ANSWERED ON:13.12.2013

DIAGNOSTIC KITS FOR BLOOD BANKS

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

- (a) the number of Government blood banks along with the agency/organization charged with the task of providing diagnostic kits to these blood banks in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether a number of Government blood banks are running out of stocks of HIV, Hepatitis-B and Hepatitis-C diagnostic kits resulting in blood banks not able to guarantee safe blood;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to overcome the problem; and
- (e) the measures being taken by the Government for decentralising the procurement of the diagnostic kits for blood banks and allowing the States to do their own stock-taking?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 135 FOR 13TH DECEMBER, 2013

(a) Presently Department of AIDS Control is supporting 1137 blood banks across the country, as detailed at (Annexure –A)

Diagnostics kits for blood banks are procured centrally at state level and at the facility level.

(b) No. Stocks - commodities available at the state and blood bank level is regularly monitored by the department. No stock out has been reported at the facility level.

The status report for commodities is annexed at (Annexure B)

(c) Not Applicable.

(d) The department is regularly monitoring the stock status of commodities across the states and has also authorized states/facilities to make procurements as per their requirement.

(e) As on date, procurement of all critical items are done centrally by Department of AIDS Control and no decentralization has been done at SACS level.