

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:410  
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BLOOD BANKS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there are adequate number of blood banks in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to set up blood banks in every district of the country; and
- (d) the present status of Metro Blood Banks being set up in various cities of the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

- (a): Yes, except the districts as per list at Annexure I
- (b): State wise numbers of blood banks as per website of Drug Controller General (India) as on 10th November 2012 is at annexure II
- (c): States have been asked to set up blood banks in districts without blood banks which is under process. Instructions have also been issued to make blood storage centers functional and provide linkage to existing blood banks in vicinity to cater to blood needs of such districts.
- (d): Expenditure Finance Committee has recommended the proposal for Revised Cost Estimate for Metro Blood Bank project in June 2014.