

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Blood Bank

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

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- (a) whether there is shortage of blood banks in the country and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the details of blood banks in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the National Blood Transfusion Council (NBTC) have issued an order by which blood banks have been asked to put their stock availability status online and if so, the details thereof along with the objectives behind this move;
- (c) whether the blood banks would be linked to National Health Portal and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to set up mobile blood banks in various parts of the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND

FAMILY WELFARE

(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a): There is no shortage of Blood Banks in the country, and there are a total of 2708 Blood Banks in the country. There are 81 districts in the country that do not have a Blood Bank. The list of these districts is at Annexure-I. A large number of these districts are new and have recently been crafted out. The number of the Blood Banks in the country, State/UT-wise is given at Annexure-II.

(b): Yes. The National Blood Transfusion Council (NBTC) has vide reference No. S12015/1/2013-NACO (NBTC) dated 22nd December 2015 issued an order by which blood banks have been asked to put their stock availability status online on National Health Portal with following objectives:

(i) To ease the access of blood for patients.

(ii) To increase transparency by display of stocks of blood & blood components in public domain.

(c): Yes. National Health Portal provides platform for display of stock status of blood in blood banks. All the National AIDS Control Organization-supported Blood Banks in the country have been linked to the National Health Portal.

(d) & (e): No, there is no proposal to set up mobile blood banks.