

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of a number of casualties on account of shortage/unavailability of blood in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the annual requirement and collection of blood in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether blackmarketing of blood has been reported from several parts of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government thereon, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to encourage blood donation to meet shortage of blood and to streamline blood collection as well as storage facilities in order to ensure optimum utilisation of collected blood in the country?

Answer

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

- (a):As per information received from State AIDS Control Societies, there is no reported shortage/unavailability of blood in the country.
- (b):Not Applicable
- (c):Yes.
- (d):Following two cases are in the knowledge of Uttar Pradesh State AIDS Control Society:-
 - 1. Bareilly: the case is sub Judice
 - 2. Kanpur Nagar: FIR lodged against suspected culprits. The case is under investigation.
- (e):Government under National AIDS Control Programme-IV is strengthening the programme for Blood Transfusion Services where efforts are directed towards promotion of voluntary non remunerative blood donation in partnership with NGOs and Voluntary organizations and through IEC activities, component separation, coordination and networking of blood transfusion services, so as to meet shortage, streamline blood collection and storage facilities in order to ensure optimum utilization of collected blood in the country. Equipment for blood storage, blood mobiles and transportation vans have been provided to all states to ensure collection, storage and distribution to storage centers. Training of blood bank staff as well as clinicians on rational blood use are done to ensure proper preparation and utilization of components. Some states have also taken up e-blood banking initiatives where information on blood availability has been placed on public domain.