

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1844
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BLOOD BANK IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Blood Banks in Orissa got recognition from the Union Government;
- (b) whether any financial aid for upgradation of Blood Banks has been given to Orissa; and
- (c) if so, the financial assistance provided for this purpose to the State during each of the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SH SHANMUGAM)

(a) There are 48 licensed Blood Banks in Orissa.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The scheme is for modernisation of various level blood banks and major blood banks by supplying them blood bank equipments, besides cash assistance for Salaries of Technicians and a contingency amount for procuring reagents and other consumables. Funds have been released as follows:-

1996-97 Rs. 50.00 lakhs
1997-98 Rs. 75.00 lakhs
1998-99 Rs.100.00 lakhs

Funds have been placed at the disposal of State AIDS Cell of Government of Orissa now converted as State AIDS Control Society of Orissa.