

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

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

(a) whether there is acute shortage of blood in various blood banks in the country particularly in Delhi where as per a rough estimate of the Indian Society of Blood Transmission and Immunohaematology (ISBTI) blood requirement is around 10,000 units per day while supply through various blood banks is only 3000 units;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the steps taken and the new incentives and measures proposed to be introduced and campaigns to be launched in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) No Sir. There is no overall shortage of blood in the country. However, there are occasional and seasonal shortage in a few blood banks. So far as the report of shortage of blood in Delhi is concerned, Delhi State AIDS Control Society has intimated that the estimate made out by Indian Society of Blood Transfusion and Immuno-hematology (ISBTI) as requirement of 10,000 units per day in Delhi is not correct. Against the annual requirement of about 3 lacs units, the annual collection of blood in Delhi in the year 2003 was 3,26,861 units.

(c) In order to encourage people to donate blood and to create awareness about necessity of blood donation, the National AIDS Control Organisation during National AIDS Control Programme, Phase-II has introduced various programmes like :-

(i) Promotion of Voluntary Blood Donation Programme across the country.

(ii) Awareness Programmes on Voluntary Blood Donation among the youths.

(iii) Workshops on Voluntary Blood Donation, Safe Blood and Donor Motivation.

(iv) Recruitment and retention of regular voluntary blood donors.

(v) IEC materials on Blood Safety and Voluntary Blood Donation.