

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3879
ANSWERED ON:17.05.2006
SETTING UP OF BLOOD BANKS
Koya Dr. P. Pookunhi

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

- (a) the number of Blood Banks functioning in the Union Territory of Lakshadweep;
- (b) whether these Blood Banks are able to meet the requirement of the area;
- (c) if not, the manner in which the demand is met;
- (d) whether there is a proposal to set up a new full fledged Blood Bank or to upgrade the existing Blood Banks; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): In the Union Territory of Lakshadweep, there is one blood bank functioning at Indira Gandhi Hospital, Kavaratti. Normally, 60 blood transfusions are carried out in a year, which is adequate for meeting the requirements of Lakshadweep. However, in order to ensure timely access of blood to people living at the periphery, three Community Health Centres are linked to the existing blood bank as "Blood Storage Centres", under this year's Action Plan.