

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

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NEXUS BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE BLOOD BANKS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the Government has conducted any inquiry regarding links of employees working in Blood Banks of Government Hospitals with the private Blood Banks ;
- (b) If so, the outcome thereof ;
- (c) If not, the reasons therefor ;
- (d) Whether the functioning of employees of LNJP Hospital's Blood Bank has been reviewed ;
- (e) If so, the number of persons found guilty ;
- (f) The action taken against the guilty persons; and
- (g) The steps taken by the Government to check such practices ?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(g) : No Sir. The Government has not conducted any inquiry regarding links of employees working in Blood Banks of Government Hospitals with private Blood Banks.

However, to ensure proper functioning of Blood banks, the following steps have been taken and reiterated:

The Drug Inspector at the State Drug Authority visits the blood bank to ensure that the blood donations are carried out as per the provisions laid under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

The State Blood Transfusion Council reviews the Blood Transfusion Services in the blood banks and on receipt of any complaint of this nature, suggests action to State Drug Authority accordingly.

Under Blood Safety component of the National AIDS Control Programme, augmentation of voluntary blood donation is the key activity to ensure that more and more voluntary blood donors come forward to donate blood voluntarily, so that the demand of the blood supplied can be met by the blood bank for any shortage.

As per the recent amendment in the Drugs and Cosmetics Act/Rules, no 'Stand-alone Blood Bank' in the private sector will be licensed to operate and the State Drug Authority will issue license to the Blood Banks only on the recommendations of the State Blood Transfusion Council.