

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:188

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IMPORT OF BLOOD

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

- (a) whether the Government imports blood;
- (b) if so, the details of the countries and the quantum of blood imported from each country during the last three years;
- (c) whether the blood imported from some countries was found to be infected;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to check recurrence of such incidents; and
- (f) the annual requirement of blood in the country and the extent to which it is met with indigenous supply and import?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 188 FOR 16TH MARCH, 2005

1. There is no import of Blood into the country. However, Blood Products derived from Human Plasma are imported from countries like USA, UK, Finland, Austria, Germany, Korea, Switzerland, China, Hungary, Israel, Italy etc. A statement on blood products imported from various countries during the last three years is annexed. Currently, there is no manufacturer of Blood Products in the country, therefore, the blood products mainly Immunoglobulins, Human Albumin and Anti hemophilic factor are imported into the country.

2. Based on media reports, investigations conducted by Drugs Controller General (India) revealed that 22 vials of Vigam-S 5g (Human Normal Immunoglobulin) Batch No. VGC 085 manufactured by M/s Bio Products Laboratory, U.K. was imported in India from a blood donor in U.K. who later developed variant Creutzfeldt-Jacob Disease (vCJD). M/S Bio Products Laboratory, U.K. exported this consignment to M/s Genex Chemicals Pvt Ltd., New Delhi, in 1997. The manufacturing date of the said lot was July, 1997, and expiry date August, 1999.

3. As per information available from WHO, there is no credible instance of transmission of vCJD through blood products. The Government has not received any reported incidence of vCJD through blood products in the country so far.

4. Further, in order to prevent any occurrence of infection through imported blood products, provisions have been made in Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules there under, which provide for registration of the manufacturing site and the products prior to import. Before registration, the product dossiers are examined by the experts. Samples of each batch of the drug are tested at National Institute of Biologicals, NOIDA, for freedom from HIV 1 & 2, HbsAg and HCV before releasing the consignment. The summary protocols of every lot of the drug is examined by the port officers before importing the drug.

5. The annual requirement of blood in the country is around 6 million units which is entirely met from voluntary and replacement donors in the country and no blood is imported.

Annexure

Blood Product Import during last three years

S.No Country Name of the Product Quantum Value (in Rs.)

1 Austria Human Serum Albumin 282239 vials 422331300

Human Tetanus Immunoglobulin 10038 vials 1859494

Tissell Kit 4493 vials 17972000

Human Normal Immunoglobulin 7600 vials 24440624

Human Anti-D Immunoglobulin 31010 vials 62020004

Anti Hemophilic Factos VIII & IX 50195 vials 65117076

2 China Human Normal Immunoglobulin 31000 vials 34897586

3 Finland Human Serum Albumin 49286 vials 46303078

4 Germany Human Serum Albumin 17385 vials 23893137

Human Normal Immunoglobulin 3773 vials 30942669

Anti Hemophilic Factor VIII 723 vials 771967

Human Rabbis Immunoglobulin 1000 vials 1380099

5 Hungary Immune Serum Globulin Bulk 1200 Kgs 49345148
Products (supplied in Kgs)

6 Italy Human Serum Albumin 8300 vials 6732256

Tetanus Immunoglobulin Bulk 184.68 Kgs 133607148

Anti-D Polyclonal 26.96 vials 51718234

7 Israel Human Serum Albumin 6000 vials 5607060

Human Anti-D Immunoglobulin 30600 vials 21577197

8 Korea Human Normal Immunoglobullin 8124 vials 10572086

9 Russia Human Anti-D Immunoglobulin Monoclonal 76000000 mcg 65071908

10 U.K. Human Serum Albumin 99407 vials 122696268

Human Normal Immunoglobulin 1920 vials 8454953

Anti Hemophilic Factors VIII 3820 vials 6586460

11 USA Human Serum Albumin 36386 vials 38842326

Human Anti-D Immunoglobulin 77335 vials 79559597

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