

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

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

- (a) whether there is shortage of blood banks in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of Blood Banks in the country, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the number of blood banks in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) to (c): As per the assessment carried out during the planning of National AIDS Control Programme, Phase – II, 39 newly created districts in the country were not having a blood bank in the public sector. Blood banks in 8 districts have started operation since then. The Government of India is supporting the State Governments to establish blood banks in the remaining 31 districts by providing one time equipment and annual recurring grant for salary of one Laboratory Technician and funds for kits and consumables etc as per the approved pattern of assistance.

The State/UT-wise list of blood banks supported under the scheme is enclosed (Annexure).