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Title:Need to set up more blood banks in North Eastern states of India.

SHRI RAM PRASAD SARMAH (TEZPUR): Thank you, Madam. I want to raise a grave issue in respect of blood banks in the country. According to the World Health Organisation, the requirement of blood in the country is 12 million units per year whereas we get only 10 million units per year. The Northeast, particularly Assam is the most sufferer because we do not get blood in time and patients do suffer. Even donors are not properly tested there. There are no proper blood banks created in Assam in the North-East. There is a dearth of blood banks as well as blood donors. The young people, who want to donate blood, should be encouraged through print media, electronic media and hoardings so that we get sufficient units of blood to meet the requirements of patients undergoing treatment in the North-East India.

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