GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2167 TO BE ANSWERED ON 15th December 2023

DELIVERY OF BLOOD WITH DRONES

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take any initiative regarding Blood delivery with iDrone;
- (b) if so, the details regarding the viability, safety and hazards associated with blood bag deliveries via drones;
- (c) the steps taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government to address the concerns associated with blood bag deliveries via drones;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to use the iDrone initiative in other areas in the health sector; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. S.P. SINGH BAGEL)

(a) to (e)

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has not undertaken any such initiative. However, ICMR is undertaking a feasibility study in this regard.
