

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3072
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06TH AUGUST, 2021**

BLOOD DONATION CARD

3072. SHRI RAMCHANRAN BOHRA:

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

- a) Whether the Government is considering to allow the holder of blood donation card along with family to donate blood on his card to others in need on humanitarian grounds;
- b) If so, the details thereof; and
- c) The details of the persons for whom the holder of blood donation card can obtain blood at present?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(DR. BHARTI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

a) b) and c): Public Health, being a State subject, it is the primary responsibility of the State Government to ensure the establishment of Blood Banks as per their need and meet their blood requirements. However, the Government supports various activities to promote voluntary blood donation in the country like conducting blood donation camps, organizing youth groups in coordination with agencies like Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, National Service Scheme, Red Ribbon Clubs in various Universities and Colleges, as well as through Red Cross Societies, etc. These activities are coordinated by State AIDS Control Society and State Blood Transfusion Council set up in all States and Union Territories across the country to enable safe blood collection from non remunerated voluntary blood donors. Additionally, awareness generation amongst the healthy eligible population on the importance of Voluntary Blood Donation is reiterated through observance of special days like National Youth Day (12th August), World Thalassaemia Day (8th May), World Blood Donor Day (14th June) , National Voluntary Blood Donor Day (1st October), etc. Many Pan India multi state Blood Donation Drives are also organized in collaboration with various Voluntary Organizations as

well as private sector entities. Government also partners with various professional associations and blood donor organizations towards creating an enabling environment for voluntary blood donation amongst all medical staff and communities. However, there is no Central Government Policy regarding issuance of blood donation cards, though many organizations in different states do issue appreciation cards to Blood donors at their own discretion.