

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1083  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 03<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER, 2021**

**AVAILABILITY OF BLOOD IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS**

**1083. SHRI SADASHIV KISAN LOKHANDE:**

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

- a) whether the needy patients are facing a lot of difficulties in the government hospitals due to lack of availability of blood;
- b) If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- c) The steps taken by the Government to make adequate availability of blood in government hospitals, and
- d) The details thereof in this regard?

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

(a)& (b):

No such instances of the needy patients facing a lot of difficulties in the government hospitals due to lack of availability of blood have been reported.

(c) & (d):

Public Health & Hospitals being a State subject, the primary responsibility of strengthening the public healthcare system, including adequate availability of blood in Government Hospitals as per requirement of needy patients, lies with the respective State/UT

Governments. However, following technical and financial support is being provided by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India to the States/UTs:-

- National Blood Transfusion Council, MOHFW has formulated the blood bank policy according to which there should be at least one blood bank per district.
- Technical support in the form of guidelines and standards for setting up blood banks is provided.
- There are 1131 NACO supported blood banks, where in the support is provided for for salaries of contractual staff, carrying out awareness activities, organizing blood donation camps and procurement of various commodities used in blood banks.
- Promotion of Voluntary Blood Donation through State Blood Transfusion Councils set up in each State and Union Territory in coordination with Non-Governmental Organizations and other stakeholders.
- The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, under NHM, supports operations of Blood banks, setting up of Blood Storage Units at Community Health Center (CHC) and blood disorders (except rare disease), as per proposals from State/UT Governments.
- The Blood banks are mandated to update the daily stock position of the blood and blood products, blood groups wise, in e-RaktKosh portal. They are permitted to transfer blood and blood components between licensed blood bank and blood storage centers to ensure timely supply of blood to the patients. So far, 1143 Blood banks are connected to the portal.
- To ensure equitable availability of blood units in the country, the states have been supported with the blood collection and transportation vans with dedicated human resources.