

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3884
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th MARCH, 2022**

NATIONAL BLOOD POLICY

3884: DR. VISHNU PRASAD M.K.

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to introduce legislation to support the National Blood Policy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to bring the processing charges of blood and blood components under the ambit of National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to undertake a review of National Blood Policy, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to undertake a follow-up of the assessment of blood banks done by NACO in 2016 in the current year; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (c): Government has notified the Drugs and Cosmetics (Second Amendment) Rules, 2020 to support the National Blood Policy. These Rules pertain to functioning of Blood Banks, Blood processing and related matters. The copy of the Rules is available at web link:

https://cdsco.gov.in/opencms/opencms/system/modules/CDSCO.WEB/elements/download_file_division.jsp?num_id=NTc2MQ==

The matter regarding processing charges of blood and blood components was taken up with the Department of Pharmaceuticals for bringing the same under Drugs Prices Control Order(DPCO), implemented by National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA). Department of Pharmaceuticals has informed that, there is no such proposal.

(d) to (f): During a meeting with the State Blood Transfusion Councils (SBTCs) of all States and Union Territories (UTs), held in January, 2022, it has been recommended to take up a review of the National Blood Policy. There are no such proposals.
