

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3448
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH AUGUST, 2016**

HIV THROUGH BLOOD TRANSFUSION

3448. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that a large number of persons across the country have been infected with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) while getting blood transfusions and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the transfusion of contaminated blood and lack in proper screening of blood by National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) has resulted in increase of HIV patients; and
- (c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to check unsafe blood transfusion practices in hospitals across the country?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

- (a): No, however the Government is aware of the limitations of available testing methods while screening of blood units for HIV in Blood Banks as a result of which possibility of HIV transmission during blood transfusion cannot be completely ruled out.
- (b): No
- (c): Does not arise