Districts lacking blood banks

1177. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that around 80 districts in the country do not have blood banks, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has taken any steps/will take steps to ensure that all the districts in the country have at least one blood bank;
 - (c) if so, efforts taken by Government in this direction; and
 - (d) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) Yes. Licensed blood banks are present in all except seventy nine districts in the country.

The State-wise list of districts without blood banks is given at Statement (See below).

(b) to (d): Public Health is a State subject and the responsibility of setting up of Blood Banks in accordance to policy of Government of India lies with State Governments. State Governments ensure establishment of blood banks in districts without blood banks including newly carved out districts so as to have at least one blood bank per district.

Under National Health Mission, support has been provided to States to set up 74 blood banks and 1583 blood storage centres.

Statement

Districts without Blood Banks as on 28th June, 2019

Sl. No	Name of State/ . UT	No. of Districts	No. of Districts without Blood Bank	Names of Districts without Blood Banks
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	3	2	North and Middle Andaman and Nicobar
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	24	14	Kamle, Pakke Kesang, Shi Yomi, Lapa Rada, Lohit, East Kameng, Kra-daadi, Siang, Lower Siang, Namsai, Debang Valley, Anjaw, Tirap, Longding
3.	Assam	33	8	Kamrup Rural, Baksa, Udalguri, Chirang, Manchachar and South Salmara, Charaideo, Hojai, West Karbi Anglong
4.	Bihar	38	5	Arwal, Araria, Supoul, Banka, Sheohar
5.	Chhattisgarh	27	4	Balod, Gariaband, Narayanpur, Balrampur
6.	Gujarat	33	2	Mahisagar, Dang
7.	Haryana	22	1	Charkhi Dadri
8.	Himachal Pradesh	12	1	Lahaul Spiti
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	22	5	Bandipora, Ganderbal, Shopian, Samba, Reasi

[†]Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Blood bank in every district

†1178. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a blood bank policy is being devised in the country under which at least one blood bank is proposed to be established in every district, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the details of the work completed in this direction and the districts wherein establishment of blood bank is being considered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) The National Policy of Government of India to have at least one blood bank per district is already in place.

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