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(Blood Storage Centre / Blood Transfusion Services)

Blood is classified as a 'drug' under the Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 and any activity involving its collection, storage, processing, or distribution requires proper authorisation under the Act. A landmark case underscoring this requirement is *Common Cause Vs Union of India and Others*, decided on January 4, 1996. In this case, the Supreme Court of India addressed serious deficiencies in the country's blood banking system and emphasized the necessity for all blood banks to operate under valid licenses.

Therefore, it is legally established that blood transfusion services cannot be provided without a valid blood bank (*blood centre*) license in India and the Drugs Rules, 1945 has further mandated the healthcare facilities including hospitals without full-fledged blood centre must obtain a **blood storage centre license** from the State Licensing Authority subject to fulfilment of requirement through inspection.


The healthcare facilities including private hospitals, intending to provide blood transfusion services are therefore informed to obtain a Blood Storage Centre (BSC) License from the State Licensing Authority.

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