

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1858
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH DECEMBER, 2025**

PROMOTION OF ORGAN DONATION

1858 # SHRI GOVINDBHAI LALJIBHAI DHOLAKIA:

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

- (a) the steps taken in collaboration with State Governments to promote organ donation;
- (b) the number of people waiting for cadaver, live kidney and liver transplants in the country;
- (c) the number of citizens who received organ transplants in the country during the last three years;
- (d) the steps being taken by Government to reduce the cost of these operations so that more and more common people can avail it; and
- (e) whether the Ministry proposes to establish a human organ bank in each State and provide financial assistance for the same?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) Government is implementing National Organ Transplant Program (NOTP), under which Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisations, 1 at national level National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO), 5 Regional Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisations (ROTTOs), and 26 state level State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisations (SOTTOs) have been setup. These organisations carry out awareness programs across the country to disseminate information to promote organ and tissue donation engaging with various stakeholders. Various awareness activities like transplant games, poster making, slogan writing, special pledge campaigns are organized regularly. The NOTTO website www.notto.mohfw.gov.in disseminates information about organ and tissue donation including display of IEC Materials. Also, a 24x7 call centre having a toll-free helpline number (1800114770) is functional to provide information, tele-counselling and coordination for organ donation. Dissemination of messages through social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube Channels of NOTTO) is being done on day-to-day basis.

To facilitate citizens to pledge for organ and tissue donation, a dedicated web portal <https://notto.abdm.gov.in> is functional through which till now more than 4.5 lakh Aadhaar

verified pledges have been registered since 17th September, 2023.

(b) As per data reported/updated by the transplant hospitals online on the National Registry Portal, as on 8th December 2025, 60,590 patients are in the waiting list for kidney transplant and 18,724 for liver transplant.

(c) The total number of persons who received organ transplants in the country during the last three years i.e. 2022, 2023 and 2024 were 15968, 18336 and 18811 respectively.

(d) Government of India is implementing the National Organ Transplant Programme, a central sector scheme, which aims to improve access to life-transforming transplantation for needy citizens of our country by promoting deceased organ donation. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided for establishing network of organ and tissue transplant organizations at National, Regional & State level, augmenting infrastructure in the Government institutions for organ retrieval, transplantation and tissue banking, hiring of transplant coordinators, post-transplant immunosuppressant medicines upto Rs.10,000/- per month to poor patients and organ transportation. Organ Transplantation in Public sector hospitals is usually done free of cost or at subsidized rate.

Government of India also provides financial support to eligible beneficiaries under PMJAY (Ayushman Bharat Mission), which covers kidney transplant, Rashtriya Aarogya Nidhi, which covers kidney, liver, heart, lung transplantation, dialysis and post-transplant immunosuppressants medicines, Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme (PMNDP) for providing free dialysis at the district level and PMBJP (Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana), for providing quality medicines, including post-transplant immunosuppressants medicines at affordable cost.

(e) Retrieved organs have limited preservation time and must be transplanted as early as possible to keep them functional. Therefore, organ banking is not technically feasible. However, tissues like cornea, skin, bones & heart valves can be stored in the tissue bank/biomaterial centre.

Under NOTP, financial grant is provided for establishing Regional/State-level Bio-material Centers (Tissue Banks) in Government medical institutions, based on proposals received from the States/UTs.
