

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3628  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026**

**CHALLENGES IN ORGAN DONATION AND TRANSPLANTATION**

**3628 SMT. SUDHA MURTY:**

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

- (a) whether Government has reviewed the current challenges in organ donation, including inequities in access, gaps in awareness, and capacity constraints across regions;
- (b) whether any steps are being taken to strengthen data systems and registries to improve transparency, monitoring and coordination in organ donation and transplantation;
- (c) the measures proposed to expand infrastructure, trained manpower and institutional capacity to improve donation rates, particularly in underserved regions; and
- (d) whether any initiatives are being undertaken to enhance public awareness and encourage voluntary organ donation to bridge the gap between demand and availability of organs?

**ANSWER**

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

**(a)** Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India is implementing the National Organ Transplant Programme (NOTP) for enhancing awareness on deceased organ donation, augmenting institutional capacity for organ donation and transplantation especially in public sector and promoting equitable access to organ transplantation services across regions. Regular meetings/webinars/workshops are organized with the States, Professional Organizations, NGOs, Institutions and other stake-holders etc. to assess the existing situation in organ donation and to identify priority areas for intervention

**(b)** The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India has operationalized National Organ and Tissue Transplant Registry through web portal ([www.notto.mohfw.gov.in](http://www.notto.mohfw.gov.in)) since the year 2015.

National, Regional and State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organizations (NOTTO, ROTTOS and SOTTOs) along with Organ Transplant/Retrieval hospitals, Tissue centres and Tissue Banks have been linked with the national registry to improve transparency, monitoring and coordination in organ donation and transplantation.

(c) Under the National Organ Transplant Programme (NOTP), with aim to improve organ donation rates and access to organ transplantation services across the country, financial grants are provided to States and Union Territories, based on proposals, for strengthening institutional mechanisms (ROTTOs and SOTTOs), augmentation of infrastructure for organ transplant and retrieval centres and tissue banks, hiring of transplant coordinators, training and capacity building and awareness activities.

In addition, training of transplant surgeons, physicians, anaesthetists, intensivists, nurses, transplant coordinators, and programme officers, along with skill development programmes at identified institutions and medical colleges are carried out from time to time.

(d) NOTTO along with Regional Organ and Tissue Transplant Organizations (ROTTOs) and State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organizations (SOTTOs) carries 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](http://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 4.8 lakh Aadhaar verified pledges have been registered since 17th September, 2023.

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