

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2845  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST, 2018**

**KIDNEY TRANSPLANTS**

**2845. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:**

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

- (a) whether the number of renal failure cases is on the rise and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the demand for kidney for transplantation is increasing year by year but the availability of kidneys for transplantation is far too inadequate, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has any concrete proposal to bridge this gap by encouraging cadaver transplantation and organ-donation if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a): The exact number of patients suffering from renal failure is not known, since such data is not maintained centrally.
- (b): Yes. The annual estimated need for kidney transplants and the number of kidney transplants done in 2017 are 2,00,000 and 8,000-10,000, respectively.
- (c): The Government is implementing the National Organ Transplant Programme (NOTP) to promote organ donation across the country. An apex level organization viz. National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO) has been set-up at Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi for national networking, national registry, and distribution of donated Organs & Tissues from deceased persons. In addition, a National Biomaterial Centre has also been established at NOTTO and made functional. Five other Regional Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisations (ROTTOS) have also been set up under NOTP.

Further, NOTP has provisions for establishment of State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisations (SOTTO) in every State/UT, establishment of 10 Biomaterial Centres, financial assistance for developing new and strengthening the existing retrieval and transplant units in Government medical colleges of all States /UTs and support to retrieval (Non- Transplant Organ Retrieval Centres) /Transplant Centres for maintenance of cadavers and financial support for provision of Transplant Coordinators to medical colleges and trauma centres.

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The Government of India has taken a series of measures to promote cadaver organ donation. The website of the NOTTO, viz. [www.notto.nic.in](http://www.notto.nic.in) contains information pertinent to the activities relating to organ donation. A 24x7 call centre with a toll free helpline number (1800114770) has been set up. Further, a number of activities are carried out throughout the year for generating awareness about cadaver organ donation and for imparting training to all those associated with transplant activities including doctors and transplant coordinators. Activities such as celebration of Indian organ donation day every year, seminars, workshops, debates, sports events, walkathons, participation in marathons, nukkad natak, etc. are also organized at different places in the country to disseminate information and increase awareness. Audio-visual messages to promote cadaver organ donation are also telecast on Doordarshan and other Television channels.

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