

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.253
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28TH DECEMBER, 2018
AVAILABILITY OF ORGANS**

***253. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:**

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

- (a) whether around 5 lakh people die every year in the country due to unavailability of organs and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (b) whether lack of knowledge, awareness and infrastructure are the main reasons hampering organ donation in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether nearly 2 lakh patients require kidneys every year in the country, while only 15,000 kidneys are available and about 1 lakh people die of liver disease and only 1,000 get liver transplant;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not being able to get organs from cadavers; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure more and more availability of organs for the people?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

- (a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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- (a) The data regarding number of death in the country due to unavailability of organs is not available.
- (b). Yes. There are many reasons hampering organ donation in the country including lack of knowledge, awareness and infrastructure.
- (c) The exact data regarding demand and supply of kidney and liver is not available centrally. However, the estimated need for kidney, and liver and number of organ transplants done is as under:

Organs	Need for transplants of new cases of organ failure every year	Estimated No. of Organ Transplants done per year (2017 Estimates)
Kidney	2,00,000	8000-10000
Liver	30,000	1800-2000

- (d) The main reasons for not being able to get the organs from cadavers are lack of awareness towards organ donation, lack of concept of Brain Stem Death, poor Brain Stem Death Certification by Hospitals and poor infrastructure in many States for organ donation and transplantation.
- (e) 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) along with a National Biomaterial Centre in New Delhi, Five other Regional Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisations (ROTTOs) have been set up and made functional for this purpose. In addition, funds have also been sanctioned to State of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Kerala for setting up of State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisations (SOTTOs).

NOTTO has a Website that disseminates relevant information to all concerned and a 24x7 call centre with a toll free helpline number (1800114770) has been made operational. 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.

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.