

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1930
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST DECEMBER, 2018**

ORGAN DONATION POLICY

1930. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any organ donation or transplantation policy and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the status of demand and supply of various organs and tissues for transplantation; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in promoting organ donation among the citizens through various means of communication?

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

(a): Central Act namely Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act, 1994 (as amended in 2011) has been enacted. The Government of India has made rules thereunder for regulation of removal, storage and transplantation of human organs and tissues for therapeutic purposes. Further, the following guidelines/regulations have been issued for facilitating organ donation and transplantation in the country:

- Allocation Criteria for major organs and tissues Kidney, Heart, Liver, Lung, Heart-Lung and Cornea Transplant (Guidelines).
- Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)/protocols for management of brain stem dead donors and retrieval of different Organs.

These are available in public domain on the website of National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO) i.e www.notto.nic.in.

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(b): The exact data regarding demand and supply of various organ and tissues, State/UT-wise is not available. However, the estimated need for major human organs viz. kidney, heart and liver donations and the 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
Heart	50,000	339

(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) 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).

The National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (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. A number of activities are carried out for generating awareness 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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