

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3248
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH JULY, 2019**

UNAVAILABILITY OF ORGANS

3248. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

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

- (a) whether around five 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 major reasons to discourage organ donation in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the number of patients needing kidney transplant each year in the country along with the number of kidneys available for such transplants; and
- (e) the details of steps being taken by the Government to ensure availability of organs for people?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

- (a): The data regarding number of people who died due to unavailability of organs is not maintained by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- (b) & (c): There are many reasons hampering organ donation in the country including lack of knowledge, awareness and infrastructure.
- (d): All the States in the country are yet to adopt the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues (Amendment) Act, 2011, are yet to link up with the National Registry which compiles data of organ transplants in the country. However, the annual estimated need for kidney transplants and the annual number of kidney transplants done are two lakh and 8,000-10,000 respectively.

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(e): To improve access to the transplantation for needy patients by promoting deceased organ donation, the Government is implementing National Organ Transplant Programme (NOTP). Under this programme, an apex level National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) at New Delhi and Five Regional Organ and Tissue Transplant Organizations (ROTTOs) at Chandigarh, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata and Guwahati have been set up. The Government has released funds to establish State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organizations (SOTTOs) in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Rajasthan, Haryana, Goa, Jammu & Kashmir, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh to organize an efficient mechanism for organ and tissue procurement/retrieval to promote deceased organ and tissue donation.

National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO), Regional Organ and Tissue Transplant Organizations (ROTTOs) and State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organizations (SOTTOs) are disseminating relevant information to all concerned. A 24x7 call centre with a toll free helpline number (1800114770) has been made operational. A number of activities, for generating awareness and for imparting training to all those associated with transplant activities including doctors and transplant coordinators, such as celebration of Indian Organ Donation Day every year, seminars, workshops, debates, sports events, walkathons, participation in marathons, nukkad Natak, etc. are organized at different places in the country. Audio-visual messages to promote cadaver organ donation are also telecast on Doordarshan and other television channels.