

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2568
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH AUGUST, 2023**

AWARENESS ABOUT ORGAN DONATION

**2568. SHRIMATI REKHA VERMA:
SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:**

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

- (a) whether a brain-dead person can donate 20 different organs, tissues and blood vessels including heart, lungs, liver, kidney, intestine, pancreas, eyes, heart valves, skin, bone marrow, connective tissue and middle ear etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to spread public awareness of the need for organ donation?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(PROF. SATYA PAL SINGH BAGHEL)**

(a) & (b) A brain stem dead person can donate vital life saving organs like heart, 2 lungs, liver, 2 kidneys, pancreas, intestine, and many tissues like corneas, skin, bone & heart valves, cartilage, hand etc. By doing so, a deceased donor can save up to 8 lives and can improve the quality of life of many others.

(c) In order to sensitize people on the issue of deceased organ donation and transplantation, the Government is taking several steps. These include dissemination of information by National Organ & Tissue Transplantation Organisation (NOTTO), Regional Organ and Tissue Transplant Organizations (ROTTOS) and State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organizations (SOTTOs), the three-tiered structure set up under the National Organ Transplant Program (NOTP).

A website 'www.notto.mohfw.gov.in' with a 24x7 call center having a toll free helpline number (1800114770) to provide information, tele-counseling and to help in coordination for organ donation; a number of activities are organized across the country for generating awareness, such as celebration of Indian Organ Donation Day (IODD) annually, seminars, workshops, debates, sports events, walkathons, participation in marathons, nukkad natak, awareness stall in India International Trade Fair,2022, NOTTO Scientific Dialogue,2023 etc; display boards on organ donation are put up outside ICUs and other strategic locations in the

transplant/retrieval hospitals; advertisement in print media; dissemination of audio and audio-visual messages through social media (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube Channel); electronic media etc.; regular programs are conducted with school children like visit to NOTTO campaign for giving them knowledge about organ donation and conducting competitions like poster making, running special pledge campaign and slogan competition on MyGov platform and national webinar on prevention of and stage organ disease (Kidney & Liver) and organ & tissue donation etc.

As a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, organ donation is being promoted as a “Jan Andolan” through social media. In this regard a pledge campaign and slogan competition is being run by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) on MyGov platform. As a part of “Angdaan Mahotsav” initiated in the month of July 2023, various awareness programmes on deceased donor organ donation are being organized across the country. Ist National Webinar on organ and tissue donation was organized in month of July 2023 with a focus on Prevention of Kidney and Liver failure, which was attended by thousands of Medical Professionals.
