

Lok Sabha Parliamentary Q & A on Organ Donation & Transplantation

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 6145

ANSWERED ON 03.05.2013

EYE DONATION FACILITIES IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS

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

- (a) the estimated number of blind people living in the country, State/UT-wise;

- (b) the number of eyes donated and the number of people waiting for eye donor during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

- (c) whether the Central Government hospitals and its associated hospitals including All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) lacks adequate facilities for eye donation;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the facilities of eye donation including timely retrieval and transplantation of eyes in these hospitals and also to promote eye donation in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ABU HASEM KHAN CHOUDHURY)

(a): As per the National Survey (2001-02) conducted under the National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB) by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, a statement showing estimated number of blind people in the country, State/UT-wise, is given at ANNEXURE-I.

(b): As reported by States/UTs, a statement showing the number of donated eyes collected during the last three years (2010-11, 2011-12 & 2012-13) is given at ANNEXURE-II. The information for the current financial year is not available.

As per the available estimates, there is a need of around 20,000 corneas for new blind patients per year and around 1,00,000 corneas to clear the backlog.

(c) & (d): Eye Banks located in Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) are adequately equipped/developed for collecting eyes from willing donors. NPCB fully supports this activity by providing financial and logistic support as per the programme norms.

(e): The steps taken under NPCB to improve the facilities of eye donation including timely retrieval and transplantation in hospitals and to promote eye donation in the country are as under:

i) Strengthening of Eye Banks and Eye Donation Centres in the country by providing required ophthalmic equipments and manpower;

ii) Collection of eyes by Eye Banks from registered donors after their death and also from those patients who die in hospitals through “Hospital Corneal Retrieval Programme” for timely transplantation of cornea;

iii) Appointment of Eye Donation Councillors in the identified Eye Banks to promote eye donation and timely utilization of donated eyes;

iv) Information Education Communication (IEC) is an on-going activity under NPCB. Continued intensified efforts are being made under NPCB to promote eye donation by the following modes:

Radio programme – Ankhein Heain Anmol

Television Programmes – Swasth Bharat and Kalyani

Eye Donation Fortnight from 25th August to 8th September

World Sight Day on 2nd Thursday of October

Glaucoma Week during 10-16th March

Printing and distribution of NPCB newsletter to all eye surgeons in the country

Annexure : .

Annexure referred to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No6145 for answer on 03.05.2013.

ANNEXURE-I

Estimated Blind Persons in India-2001-02			
S.No.	State/Uts	Prevalence of Blindness (Survey 2001-02)	Estimated Blind Persons (Visual Acuity <6/60)
1	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	1.10	3919
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	1.42	1075331

3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	2.28	24877
4	ASSAM	3.05	812471
5	BIHAR	0.78	646455
6	CHANDIGARH	1.01	9099
7	CHHATITISGARH	1.61	334815
8	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	1.07	2359
9	DAMAN & DIU	1.07	1691
10	DELHI	1.13	155748
11	GOA	1.52	20429
12	GUJARAT	1.07	541388
13	HARYANA	1.89	398468
14	HIMACHAL PRADESH	0.70	42541
15	JAMMU & KASHMIR	1.61	162126
16	JHARKHAND	1.41	379423
17	KARNATAKA	1.78	938664
18	KERALA	0.56	178296
19	LAKSHADWEEP	1.10	667
20	MADHYA PRADESH	1.16	700467
21	MAHARASHTRA	0.95	919146
22	MANIPUR	1.38	32963
23	MEGHALAYA	0.74	17065
24	MIZORAM	0.78	6950
25	NAGALAND	1.05	20881
26	ORISSA	1.40	513897
27	PONDICHERRY	0.78	7596
28	PUNJAB	1.01	245322
29	RAJASTHAN	1.55	875333
30	SIKKIM	0.65	3513
31	TAMIL NADU	0.78	484465
32	TRIPURA	0.77	24572
33	UTTAR PRADESH	0.94	1560897
34	UTTRANCHAL	0.56	47486
35	WEST BENGAL	1.19	954632
	TOTAL	1.10	12143952

ANNEXURE-II

NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR CONTROL OF BLINDNESS				
Statement showing No. of Donated Eyes collected -State/UT-wise				
Sl. No.	State	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 (based on information collected upto 30.04.2013)
		No. of donated eyes collected	No. of donated eyes collected	No. of donated eyes collected
<u>MAJOR STATES</u>				
1	Andhra Pradesh	4521	6865	6694
2	Bihar	0	0	0
3	Chhattisgarh	173	107	128
4	Goa	0	0	2
5	Gujarat	7782	8213	6508
6	Haryana	1014	3144	1842
7	Himachal Pradesh	0	16	20
8	J&K	0	0	0
9	Jharkhand	38	22	6
10	Karnataka	2609	3251	3770
11	Kerala	1450	1576	1633
12	Madhya Pradesh	690	676	828
13	Maharashtra	6066	6914	5587
14	Orissa	437	573	402
15	Punjab	1003	523	916
16	Rajasthan	1252	1201	1304
17	Tamil Nadu	11820	8796	8318
18	Uttar Pradesh	591	656	791
19	Uttaranchal	4	10	76
20	West Bengal	2152	2920	2127
	TOTAL	41602	45463	40952
<u>NORTH EASTERN STATES</u>				
1	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0
2	Assam	255	329	281
3	Manipur	0	0	0
4	Meghalaya	0	2	0
5	Mizoram	14	28	44
6	Nagaland	0	0	0

7	Sikkim	0	0	0
8	Tripura	0	6	6
	TOTAL	269	365	331
UTs				
1	A&N Islands	20	0	0
2	Chandigarh	488	524	191
3	D&N Haveli	0	0	0
4	Daman & Diu	6	0	0
5	Delhi	2086	2400	0
6	Lakshadweep	0	0	0
7	Pondicherry	455	658	400
	TOTAL	3055	3582	591
	GRAND TOTAL	44926	49410	41874