

(other than Government Schemes) was 3.43 crore and number covered under Individual and Family floater schemes was 2.36 crore. As per Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA), the balance 14.94 crore of the 20.73 crore is covered under Government schemes including Rashtriya Swasthaya Bima Yojana (RSBY).

(c) There is no such proposal at this stage.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Promotion of organ donation

1481. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether organ donation is proposed to be encouraged to help make its easy availability to the needy especially the poor strata of society;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is proposed to offer certain incentives to such donors to help meet its shortage;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is a shortage of blood in the blood banks in the Delhi region; and

(f) if so, the action plan to boost its availability to the needy persons to help control untimely deaths as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN): (a) and (b) Health being a State subject, the States should undertake organ donation activities to help make its easy availability to the needy, following their waitlist criteria.

As provided under the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act, 1994 (as amended in 2011), Government has already initiated steps to set up National Human Organs and Tissues Removal and Storage Network which will have a dedicated website (www.notto.nic.in) for procurement of organs from donors after their certification as brain-stem dead and their allocation and distribution in a transparent manner to the patients requiring organ transplantation and in the waiting list.

(c) and (d) No Sir.

(e) and (f) As per the information provided by Department of AIDS Control, there is no shortage of blood in NCT of Delhi.