

Panel for promoting organ donation

1225. SHRI MAJEED MEMON: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has set up any panel to promote organ donation to accelerate the organ transplant programme;
- (b) whether Government has also decided to launch a programme to 'recognise and honour' families of persons who donate their organs; and
- (c) whether Government is going to give more autonomy to National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) by making it a registered society and if so, a detailed factual report thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) An Inter-Ministerial Committee headed by Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has been constituted to coordinate all activities related to promotion of organ donation in the country.

(b) Government has launched National Organ Transplant Programme. *Inter alia*, the programme has a provision for giving awards for promoting cadaver donations to institutions, doctors, transplant coordinators, and donor families.

(c) The National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO) has become operational only in 2014 and is, as such, at a very nascent stage. Presently, it is functioning under the Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. It will, alongwith Regional Organ and Tissue Transplant Organizations (ROTTOS) and State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organizations (SOTTOS), be strengthened over a period of time.

Assessing impact of the healthcare arising from customs duty hike

1226. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the hike in customs duty on bulk drugs including life-saving drugs will hamper Government's attempt to provide low-cost and effective healthcare; and
- (b) whether Government has initiated any measures to assess the impact of customs duty hike on bulk drugs, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) and (b) The Price of drugs included in the National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM) is linked to the increase/decrease in the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) in terms of Drugs Price Control Order, 2013. Most of the drugs in respect of which custom duty exemption has been withdrawn are included in the NLEM, 2015. Since the WPI for the current year is likely to decline, the price of these drugs will also decline. Further, even in respect of non-scheduled drugs, the annual increase in the Maximum Retail Price (MRP) can not be more than 10%.

Increase in cases of life-style diseases

1227. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been an increase in life-style diseases like obesity, diabetes, hypertension etc.;
- (b) the details thereof State-wise/UTwise for the last three years;
- (c) what is the cause for the increase of such diseases in India; and
- (d) what steps are being taken to prevent the prevalence of these diseases?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) and (b) State/UT-wise data of persons suffering from life-style diseases is not maintained centrally.

According to International Diabetes Federation, estimated number of people with diabetes (20-79 years) in India are 65.0 million, 66.8 million and 69.1 million in 2013, 2014 and 2015 respectively.

The data available from the Indian Council of Medical Research-India diabetes (INDIAB) Study Phase I done in the rural and urban settings in 3 States and 1 Union Territory viz., Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Jharkhand and Chandigarh for both diabetes and hypertension indicates the range of prevalence of diabetes from 5.3% to 13.7 % and for hypertension from 19.8% to 31.5%

As per the survey conducted by the Integrated Disease Surveillance Project (IDSP) in 2007-08 in 7 States on Non-Communicable Disease Risk Factors, State-wise figures (in percentage) on cases of hypertension is as under: