

The Central Government, keeping view of the above, requested Chief Ministers of all the States to take appropriate action against quacks under the law and also to evolve suitable policies to ensure availability of quality health workforce in rural areas.

**Sale of seats in medical colleges**

†448. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of selling of several medical seats by the private medical colleges of the country have come to light;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to take any step to investigate the matter; and

(c) if so, by when and, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) Till date no such case about selling medical seats has been received in the Ministry. With the enactment of IMC (Amendment) Act, 2016 introducing National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET), all the admissions in medical courses are made through common counseling based on NEET merit.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Boosting cadaver donation programme**

449. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of organ transplant procedures conducted across the country, organ-wise like, kidney, liver, heart, lungs, pancreas etc. during last three years;

(b) the number of cadaver donations which took place in 2016 and 2017 across the country;

(c) the measures taken to boost cadaver donation programme;

(d) whether there is any plan to give benefit to the cadaver organ donor family member; and

(e) if not, whether any benefit can be given to the family like education of family members or insurance for family members?

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI ANUPRIYA PATEL): (a) Since health is a State subject, complete data regarding number of organ transplant procedures conducted across the country is not available. However, as per the data available with National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) the number of organ transplant procedures conducted across the country are as under:

Year	Kidney	Liver	Heart	Lung	Pancreas
2015	1024	523	110	37	04
2016	1368	665	235	58	21
2017	3848	1047	48	02	05

(b) As per data available with NOTTO, the estimated number of cadaver donations which took place in 2016 and 2017 across the country are 559 and 655 respectively.

(c) The Government of India has taken a series of measures to promote cadaver organ donation. The Government is implementing the National Organ Transplant Programme (NOTP) to promote organ donation across the country. The website of the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO), viz. [www.notto.nic.in](http://www.notto.nic.in) contains information pertinent to the activities relating to organ donation. A 24x7 call centre with a toll free helpline number (1800114770) and a National Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplant Registry have also been set up. Financial assistance is admissible for establishing Regional Organ and Tissue Transplant Organizations (ROTTO) and State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organizations (SOTTO) and hiring of transplant coordinators in Hospitals and Trauma Centres. Further, a number of activities are carried out throughout the year for generating awareness about cadaver organ donation and for imparting training to all those associated with transplant activities including doctors and transplant coordinators. Activities such as celebration of Indian organ donation day every year, seminars, workshops, debates, sports events, walkathons, participation in marathons, nukkad natak, etc. are also organized at different places in the country to disseminate information and increase awareness. Audio-visual messages to promote cadaver organ donation are also telecast on Doordarshan and other Television channels.

(d) and (e) The cadaver organ donor family members are honoured on various occasions including Indian Organ Donation Day organised every year.