

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1861  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02<sup>nd</sup> August, 2022**

**AWARENESS ABOUT ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION**

**1861. SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI:**

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

- (a) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to increase awareness about organ transplantation in the country;
- (b) the details of the budgetary allocation made by the Central Government under the National Organ Transplant Programme (NOTP) along with the details of funds actually released and utilised thereunder, State/UT-wise, including Odisha; and
- (c) whether Government proposes to take or has taken measures for developing an effective transport system for rapid and safe transportation of organs and tissues, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE  
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) The Government of India has the National Organ Transplant Programme (NOTP) to promote organ donation and transplantation across the country. Under this programme an apex level National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO), five Regional Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisations (ROTTOS) and seventeen State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisations (SOTTOs) have been established. The NOTTO, ROTTOS and SOTTOs disseminate relevant information about organ donation in the public. A website [www.notto.gov.in](http://www.notto.gov.in) and a 24x7 call centre with a toll free helpline number (1800114770) have been made operational. A number of activities, for generating awareness and for imparting training to all those associated with transplant including doctors and transplant coordinators, such as celebration of Indian Organ Donation Day, seminars, workshops, debates, sports events, walkathons, participation in marathons, nukkad natak, etc. are organized at different places in the Country. Awareness activities through advertisement in print media, audio-visual messages and expert talks on Doordarshan and other television channels are carried out in this regard. Jan Andolan for creating Organ donation awareness and pledging in the form of social media campaign has been carried out as part of AmritMahotsav to celebrate 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of independence of country.

(b) The total budgetary allocation (Revised Estimates) under National Organ Transplant Programme for the financial year 2021-22 was Rs. 6.39 Crore. The details of funds released to the States during last financial year, including Odisha are as under:

<b>Sl.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Funds released (Rs. In Crore)</b>
1	NOTTO, New Delhi	2.80
2	ROTTTO, Maharashtra	1.36
3	SOTTO, Goa	0.12
4	SOTTO, Jammu and Kashmir	0.22
5	SOTTO, Odisha	0.37
6	SOTTO, Puducherry	0.72
7	SOTTO, Dadar Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu	0.20
8	RML Hospital, New Delhi	0.03
9	Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi	0.06

(c) Under National Organ Transplant Program, financial support of Rs. 10 lakh per year for organ transportation is provided through ROTTTOs and NOTTO. Measures to facilitate transport/transfer of Organs at Airports have been issued by Directorate General of Civil Aviation. State Governments also take various initiatives to develop an effective transport system for rapid and safe transportation of organs such as formation of green corridor in coordination with local traffic police, arrangement with private flying clubs, rescheduling of flights when organs are transported.