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Title: Need to spread awareness programme for donation of organs.

SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA (AMBALA): I would like to bring to the kind notice of Hon'ble Health Minister and Family Welfare the fact that as the organ donation hits new low in India, there is an urgent need to spread awareness for donation of organs and tissues. Donation of body parts like lungs, pancreas, small intestines, blood vessels, bones marrow, cartilage, connective tissues, eyes, heart valves and skin is very low in the country. It is due to donor deficit that as against a requirement of two lakh kidneys only five thousand transplantations are being done annually. Similarly for 30,000 liver transplants, at present, only 1000 are being carried out. In the same way, requirement of eyes is 2.50 lakh but only 50,000 people donate their eyes. Due to lack of preservation of donated eyes for a long time, 50% of the donated eyes go waste although Union Health Ministry has launched a nationwide registration of National Organ and Tissue Transplant Campaign. In view of the above, there is an urgent need to spread awareness programme on the pattern of foreign countries.