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Title: Need to promote organ donation in the country.

SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI (NEW DELHI): India is facing a severe shortage of organ donors. 5 lakh people die every year due to non-availability of organs. Every year around 2.5-3 lakh people need liver and kidney transplants and only 2-3% of the organ requirement is met. Only 0.01% people in India pledge their organs. Of the 1.5 crore people suffering from blindness in India, 25% suffer from corneal blindness, which can often be corrected by a cornea transplant. For the annual requirement of 1 lakh corneas only 10,000 corneas are retrieved of which only 30% are used. The rest are wasted because they are not extracted and preserved properly. India lacks proper logistics to transport organs. Organs being transported over long distances become unfit for transplant when they are not preserved properly. There is a need to spread awareness about organ donation and to dispel myths associated with it. There is also a need to set up more organ banks and logistics to collect and preserve organs.