

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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GRANTS IN AID FOR EYE DONATION CAMPS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the organisations to which funds have been given and are due in Bihar for eye-donation camps during the last three years;
- (b) the national policy regarding payments of grants-in-aid for eye donation camps and the share of the centre therein;
- (c) whether such eye donation camps are co-ordinated and controlled by the Indian Red Cross Society; and
- (d) if so, the manner in which it is done in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

(a): Pledge for eye donation is taken from donors during various IEC events like Eye Donation Fortnight, World Sight Day etc. organized under the National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB) all over the country. No separate Eye Donation Camps are organized under the programme. However, screening camps for identification of cataract are organized by the State Governments as well as NGO Eye Hospitals under NPCB. The concerned NGO has to obtain prior permission of the concerned District Health Authorities for organizing such camps. The cases of cataract identified in these camps are shifted to District Hospitals/NGO Eye Hospitals for further investigation and operation. The eligible NGO Eye Hospitals are given upto Rs.750/- per cataract operation done by them for NPCB as per the programme guidelines. Due to decentralized manner of implementation of NPCB, monitoring and maintaining of various records of eye care activities conducted in districts, is the role of respective State/District Health Society. Detail of NGOs, provided grant-in-aid by the District Health Societies in States is not maintained centrally. According to the information furnished by the Directorate of Health Services, Bihar, a district-wise list of NGOs, who have been given funds during 2009- 10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 is given at Annexure.

(b): Under NPCB, only screening camps for identification of cataract are organized in districts under the supervision of concerned District Health Societies in the States. As per programme guidelines, reimbursement of grant-in-aid upto Rs.750/- per cataract operation is made by the District Health Society to the NGOs for operations done by them for NPCB from the programme budget on receipt of claim in the prescribed format alongwith necessary documents, like cataract surgical report.

(c): No.

(d): Does not arise.