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Title: Need to create awareness for eye donation among people.

SHRI MANICKA TAGORE (VIRUDHUNAGAR): At present our country's population is around 118 crores out of which around 15 millions are blinds. India is now home to the world's largest number of blind people. Among the 37 million blind people across the globe around 15 million blinds alone are from India. So our Government should take immediate and effective steps to eradicate blindness from India. As per recent statistics on India's population, the daily child birth is around 87000 and death rate is around 62000. Union Government should make necessary steps to make awareness among people to donate their eyes after their death and spread information about eye donation and motivate others to help this change. If all the people are willing to donate their eyes after their death, there will be no single case of blindness in India.

This kind of awareness should be inculcated among the students community since their school days. Even Government should make special incentive to the students for getting admission in professional colleges and appointment in Government services for those who are willing to donate their eyes after their death for which the Government should make a special law in Parliament also. Further, Government should encourage to open/set up at least one eye bank in each Taluk through which the donate eyes may be given to the desired persons . Both Union and State Government should open/set up an eye bank in all Government hospitals and encourage private hospitals also to set up eye bank in their hospitals.

Hence, I urge upon the Union Government on behalf of all the 15 million blinds in India through you madam to take necessary steps as mentioned above for eradication of blindness from India to achieve the goal without fail.