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Title: Need to increase the limit of medical assistance under the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund.

SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA (HISAR): I would like to request Hon'ble Prime Minister to enhance the maximum level of assistance from Rs. 3 lakh to Rs. 5 lakh under the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund to poor patients towards emergency surgeries like heart surgeries, kidney transplantation and cancer treatment etc. Sudden huge expenditure towards immediate surgery or hospitalization is an unbearable burden for people from deprived socio-economic background. I have forwarded several appeals of poor patients who require a sum of minimum Rs. 15 lakh for surgeries, but only Rs.3 lakh could be availed under the PM National Relief Fund. Even though the assistance under PMNRF provides certain relief instantly but compared to the actual requirement of money for the entire treatment, it is very meagre. Therefore, I urge Hon'ble Prime Minister to consider enhancement of the relief amount.