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Title: Need to initiate special medical insurance schemes for the benefit of poor people who require organ transplantation.

SHRIMATI R. VANAROJA (TIRUVANNAMALAI): Sir, Tamil Nadu, under the dynamic leadership of hon. Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Amma, is now the leader in organ donation and organ transplantation in the country. Tamil Nadu stands first in organ transplantation and got the award from the Union Government for the best performing State in the country.

In Tamil Nadu, apart from 164 heart transplants, 80 lung transplantats, 665 liver transplants and 1,295 kidney transplants have been done so far. Altogether, 3,954 organ transplants were successfully performed till last month, which is ten times higher than that of any other State in the country. Apart from the Government Hospitals, there are many private hospitals where the organ transplantations are done in Tamil Nadu, strictly following the laws pertaining to organ donation.

There is an urgent need for the Union Government to initiate special medical insurance schemes for the benefit of poor people who require organ transplantation. I would urge upon the Government to provide more financial support to the Tamil Nadu Government to develop and serve in this unequalled, life-saving field. Thank you.

HON. DEPUTY-SPEAKER:

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Kunwar Pushendra Singh Chandel are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shrimati R. Vanaroja.