

sp;Need to revisit the transplantation of human organs Act to disseminate awareness about organ donation

DR. RATNA DE (NAG) (HOOGHLY): Even after 65 years of independence, in our country organ donation is a taboo. Many patients are waiting for kidney transplant. Many patients are not lucky to get donated organ. It is estimated that 500000 people die every year in India due to non-availability of organs. Another startling data is that 0.08 people per million population are organ donors on an average. It is stated that in India 150000 to 200000 new patients with severe kidney problems are there, but only 6000 of these new patients get a kidney transplant. It is said that by way of organ donation, one can give live to as many as five persons. Families who lose their loved ones should be asked to extend this gesture in order to promote organ donations so that a nation with 1.2 billion people would be proud of taking a leapfrog in the field of organ donation. I would like to put emphasis upon awareness about organ donation by the Government by way of national campaigns. There is a need to revisit the 'Transplantation of Human Organs Act' to disseminate much needed awareness about organ donation.