

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2919  
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SHORTAGE OF DEAD BODIES FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that there is acute shortage of dead bodies in medical colleges for research;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating to start a campaign requesting for donation of dead bodies;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (e) As per the Medical Council of India (MCI) Regulations, availability of dead bodies in medical colleges is one of the requirements for establishing/running medical colleges. MCI in respect of cases where they have recommended for grant of permission has not indicated non-availability of dead bodies.