

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

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LIVER TRANSPLANTATION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is lagging far behind from other advanced countries in the field of liver transplantation;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is contemplating to formulate a special action plan to make the facility of liver transplantation accessible to the common people; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes Sir. As reported by ICMR , well developed facilities for liver transplantation are inadequate in India where at least two lakh people die annually from liver failure.
- (b) & (c) The Government is in the process of consulting all stake holders before arriving at a plan for encouraging cadaver organ retrieval (that would include liver retrieval also).