

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

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EXPERT COMMITTEES` REPORTS ON ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether certain expert committees have submitted their reports to the Government regarding organ transplantation;
- (b) if so, the number of such reports received alongwith the date of their receipt;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any action to bring about necessary changes in the law with a view to end the suffering of such patients on the basis of said reports; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes Sir.
- (b) The report of Transplant of Human Organs Act (THOA) Review Committee was submitted to the Government on 25th May, 2005.
- (c) & (d) Among other things, the Committee recommended the creation of awareness about organ donations through Information/Education/Communication programmes and through incentives, with the objective of increasing organ availability, especially cadaver organs. Consultations with other stake holders including State Governments would be necessary on the recommendations.