

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

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

- (a) whether there is any gap between the demand and supply of organs for transplatation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to formulate a specific policy and guidelines encouraging the donors with handsome incentives and provide transplant centres and facilities both in public and private sector hospitals in each of the district headquarters; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) to (d) Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994, facilitates cadaver as well as brain-dead organ donation, and provides for
- (i) regulated removal and transplantation of human organs for therapeutic purposes, making it mandatory to perform transplantations only in hospitals registered under the Act;
  - (ii) banning of commercial dealing in human organs; and
  - (iii) legalizing brain death and makes it possible to perform not only cadaveric kidney transplantations but even heart, lung, liver and other organ and tissue transplants using brain-dead donors.

Donation of organs after death has been accepted in India. But the number of donated organs is not sufficient in number of donated organs is not sufficient in number to meet the demand. The number of organ donors in the country is very small due to inability to obtain consent from relatives of such donors.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has set up the Organ Retrieval Banking Organisation (ORBO) as the national facility and nodal centre for encouraging organ donations, fair and equitable distribution of human organs and optimum utilization of human organs. ORBO coordinates cadaver organ donation. ORBO has published brochures for general public and posters for display. ORBO organises donation awareness campaign with religious bodies, academic institutions, etc., regularly. A network of 15 hospitals (Government, public and charitable) with ORBO has been formed for smooth functioning and coordination process of organ donation and transplantation in Delhi.

NGOs and institutions like Multi Organ Harvesting and Network (MOHAN), Hyderabad; Foundation for Organ Retrieval and Transplant Education (FORTE), Chennai; and Zonal Transplant Coordination Committee (ZTCC), Mumbai, not only coordinate cadaver donor transplant activities, but also educate masses about the same.