

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 178
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND FEBRUARY, 2018**

ORGAN DONATION

**178. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:
SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has issued any guidelines to simplify the process/rules for kidney donation in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the number of renal failure patients is increasing year by year and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the demand for kidneys for transplantation keeps increasing year by year but the availability of kidneys for transplantation is far too inadequate, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to bridge this gap by conducting promotional campaign by celebrities to encourage cadaver-transplantation and organ donation?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a): The Transplantation of Human Organs in India is regulated as per the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act, 1994 (as amended in 2011) and rules made thereunder. Further, the following guidelines/regulations have been issued in recent past for facilitating organ donation and transplantation in the country:

- (a) Highlights of National Organ and Tissue Transplant Programme and Operational Guidelines for its implementation, in 2015.
- (b) Allocation Criteria for Deceased Donor Kidney Transplant (Guidelines), in 2016.
- (c) Draft Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)/protocols for management of brain stem dead donors and retrieval of different Organs.

These are available in public domain on the website of National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO) i.e www.notto.nic.in.

(b): The exact number of patients suffering from renal failure is not known, since such data is not maintained centrally.

(c): The demand for kidney transplants is far more than the availability of kidneys for transplantation. The estimated number of kidney transplants done in India are less than 10,000 per year, which is far less than requirement of kidneys in patients suffering from renal failure.

(d): The Government of India has taken a series of measures to promote cadaver organ donation. The Government is implementing the National Organ Transplant Programme (NOTP) to promote organ donation across the country. Activities such as celebration of Indian Organ Donation Day every year, seminars, workshops, debates, sports events, walkathons, nukkad natak, etc. are organized at different places in the country to disseminate information and increase awareness. Audio-visual messages are also telecast on Doordarshan and other Television channels. Further, whenever feasible, celebrities are also invited to lend their support for promoting organ donation.