

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2844
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17TH MARCH, 2023**

LACK OF ORGAN DONORS

2844. SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India requires more than four lakh organ transplants every year, but less than 1,000 are done due to lack of donors;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the country lacks organ preservation facilities and these exist only in select hospitals in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether it is a fact that the Government needs to train more doctors to perform organ retrieval and transplant procedures; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (f) As per the NOTTO registry, in the year 2022, a total of 15,561 organ transplantation were carried out, of which 2770 transplants were carried out with organs procured from deceased donors. Organs are transplanted as soon as possible after retrieval and are not required to be preserved.

Government of India is running National Organ Transplant Programme (NOTP) to promote organ donation and transplantation across the country. The three tier structure set up under

NOTP, to provide for an efficient and organized system of organ procurement and distribution in the country, includes an apex level National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO) at New Delhi, five Regional Organ and Tissue Transplant Organizations (ROTTOs) at Chandigarh, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata and Guwahati and State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organizations (SOTTOs) in nineteen States.

In addition, various provisions have been made under the program for augmenting the infrastructure for human organ and tissue retrieval, transplantation and storage in all parts of the country; these among others also include financial support for:

- establishing new Organ Transplant/retrieval facilities and strengthening of existing Organ Transplant/retrieval facilities.
- establishing National/ Regional/State Bio-material centres.
- training for organ donation and transplantation related experts including surgeons, physicians, transplant coordinators, etc.
