

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2865
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17TH MARCH, 2023**

ORGAN TRANSPLANT

**2865. SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:
DR. T.R. PAARIVENDHAR:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India has witnessed a fast resurgence in organ transplant activities Post COVID-19;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that more than 15,000 organ transplants took place in the country in the year 2022 which shows an annual increase of 27 per cent in the transplant number, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry has any data about the different types of organ transplants done and the source of organ received/offered, *i.e.*, organ donated by a living or deceased donor, etc. and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Ministry has plans to spread the awareness/awakening programme about voluntary organ donation for needy patients to increase the potential pool of donors as demand for transplants continues to grow; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (e) As per the data available with National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO), there has been increase in organ transplant activities in India Post COVID-19. A total of 15561 organ transplants took place in the country in year 2022. This is an annual increase of approximately 26% in the number of transplants. The details of organ transplants done and the source of donated organ for last two years is as below:-

ORGANS DONATED DURING LAST TWO YEARS			
(Between 1st January to 31st December each year)			
2021		2022	
Deceased	Living	Deceased	Living
1743	10644	2770	12791
Total = 12387		Total = 15561	

Government is taking several steps to increase awareness on organ donation in the country. These include dissemination of information by NOTTO, 'Regional Organ and Tissue Transplant Organizations (ROTTOs)' and 'State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organizations (SOTTOs)', the three tiered structure set up under the National Organ Transplant Program (NOTP); a website www.notto.gov.in; a 24x7 call centre with a toll free helpline number (1800114770) to provide information, tele-counseling and to help in coordination for organ donation; a number of activities are organized across the country for generating awareness, such as celebration of Indian Organ Donation Day annually, seminars, workshops, debates, sports events, walkathons, participation in marathons, nukkad natak, awareness stall in India International Trade Fair,2022, NOTTO Scientific Dialogue,2023 etc; display boards on organ donation are put up outside ICUs and other strategic locations in the transplant/retrieval hospitals; advertisement in print media; dissemination of audio and audio-visual messages through social media (Facebook, Twitter, You Tube Channel); electronic media etc.; regular programs are conducted with school children like visit to NOTTO campaign for giving them the knowledge about organ donation and conducting competitions like poster making etc. The government has decided to do away with the domicile requirement of the state for registration of patients requiring organ transplantation from deceased donor. Also, as per the new government guidelines, the upper age limit of 65 years for eligibility for registration to receive deceased donor organ has been removed. Now, a person of any age can register for receiving deceased donor organ.
