

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1023
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH JULY, 2025**

**INFRASTRUCTURE DEFICIENCIES IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS FOR
ORGAN TRANSPLANTS**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a recent report by the Ministry has highlighted the lack of specialised transplant operation theatres and ICUs in many Government hospitals across the country;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken to establish dedicated infrastructure for organ retrieval and transplantation across all major public hospitals in the country;
- (c) whether any time-bound action plan has been prepared in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) to (d): *Health* being a State subject, it is the primary responsibility of State Government to provide required facilities and services for organ transplantation in the State. As per the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act, 1994 (THOTA), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, has established a three tiered National Human Organs and Tissues Removal and Storage Network, consisting of National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO), Regional Organ and Tissue Transplant Organizations (ROTTO) and State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organizations (SOTTO).

NOTTO is the apex body for coordination, networking and registry of organ and tissue donation and transplantation in India. The National Organ Transplant Program (NOTP) is a Central Sector Programme of Government of India, which aims to improve access to organ transplantation for needy citizens of the country by increasing awareness on deceased organ donation, efficient mechanism for organ procurement and their distribution for transplantation,

augmentation of infrastructure in public sector, training of manpower, etc.

States are encouraged to identify gaps and to take proactive actions to further strengthen the transplantation programme at State level. States may seek necessary assistance from the Centre through NOTP. Under NOTP, grants are provided to States depending upon the proposals received, for establishing ROTTOS and SOTTOs, augmenting infrastructure including transplant operation theatres and ICUs in public sector for setting up Organ Transplant/Retrieval Centers and Tissue Banks, etc.
