

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1128
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND JULY, 2016**

ORGAN DONATION

1128. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has set up/ proposes to set up any panel to promote organ donation to accelerate the organ transplant programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has launched/proposes to launch a programme to 'recognise and honour' families of persons who donate their organs and give more autonomy to National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) by making it a registered society; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard?

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

(a) & (b): The Government has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee comprising members from various Ministries/Departments of the Government of India to coordinate all activities relating to promotion of Organ Donation in the Country;

(c) & (d): Government is implementing a National Organ Transplant Programme, under which a provision has been made to award best transplant coordinator, best hospitals/institutes, doctors working in the organ donation related areas and donor families. 15 members of donor families were honoured on the eve of "6th Indian Organ Donation Day" held on 27th November 2015; A post of Director NOTTO in the rank equivalent to Joint Secretary to the Government of India and ten more posts have been created in NOTTO for effective functioning of the NOTTO.