

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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ORGAN RETRIEVAL AND BANKING ORGANIZATIONS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of Organ Retrieval and Banking Organisations operating in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of these banks;
- (c) if so, the details in this regard;
- (d) the number of heart transplant patients waiting for organs at present;
- (e) whether all State Government Hospitals are capable of conducting heart transplants;
- (f) if not, the effective steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (g) the details of the number of Government hospitals having well trained Surgeons on duty who can perform these transplants?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a): The requisite details regarding number of Organ Retrieval and Banking Organisations operating in the country, State-wise; are not being kept centrally. In so far as Union territories are concerned, there is one Organ Retrieval and Banking Organisation under All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.

(b)&(c): There is no such proposal at present.

(d): In so far as Union Territories are concerned, two centers only, namely, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi and Escort Heart Institute and Research Centre, New Delhi are registered for the purpose of heart transplantation under the said Act. Escort Heart Institute and Research Centre, New Delhi have not yet started heart transplantation. All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi have intimated that there may be twenty to twenty five patients awaiting heart transplantation at AIIMS, New Delhi. The information about patients waiting for heart transplants in States is not being maintained centrally.

(e) to (g): Because of the very nature of the highest degree of superspecialisation needed for performing heart transplantation, all State Government hospitals cannot be expected to be capable of conducting heart transplants. AIIMS has got well trained surgeons to perform heart transplantation. As stated above, no other hospital under Government of India is having the facility of heart transplantation at present.