

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

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CADAVER ORGAN DONATION

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to provide free second class railway pass and health insurance cover to persons who consent to donate organs of their brain dead relatives as published in The Hindu dated January 31, 2008;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the other steps taken by the Government to promote cadaver organ donations under the national organ transplant programme;
- (d) whether there is a huge gap between demand and supply of organ transplants;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Union Government to simplify organ donation and to make it more transparent?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (f) Health is a State subject. Data regarding organ transplantation is not maintained centrally. It has, however, been felt that donation of organs needs to be popularized and encouraged through a National Organ Transplant Programme. During the National Consultation held last year to review the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994, suggestions had been made for providing some non-monetary incentives including concessional travel facility in Indian Railways and Health Insurance cover to persons who consent to donate organs of their brain dead relatives. Planning Commission has approved an outlay of Rupees one Crore for the Annual Plan 2007-08 under scheme of National Organ Transplant Programme.