

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

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LIVER TRANSPLANTATION CENTRES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the liver transplantation centres are very less and there is an urgent need to establish more liver transplant centres in the county;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise;
- (c) the number of doctors who have expertise in the liver transplantation technology, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to train and update doctors in liver transplantation technology?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a)to(d) Health being a State subject, the State Government authorizes hospitals for transplantation of human organs as per law and procedures laid down under the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994 and the Rules made thereunder. Thus, such data regarding the number of liver transplantation centres or experts is not maintained centrally.

Since the subject of liver transplantation is covered as a specialty under the medical curriculum of various medical education institutions in the country, there is no specific proposal to train and update doctors on this subject.