GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:179
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KIDNEY TRANSPLANTATIONS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of people develop terminal kidney failure each year and they sustain their life through dialysis or kidney transplantation and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is a mismatch between potential and actual transplantations due to shortage of donors and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to make the transplantation procedure more simpler and also take steps for creating awareness among the people on organ donation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a)to(d); A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 179 FOR 2ND DECEMBER, 2011

(a)&(b) Health being a State subject, data in this regard is not maintained centrally. However, the estimates, based on published studies, indicate that there is a wide gap between the demand and the availability of organs such as kidney, liver, etc. There is an estimated requirement of more than one lakh kidneys, fifty thousand livers etc, while only about five thousand kidneys and three hundred livers are reportedly transplanted every year.

(c)&(d) Amendments have been made in Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994, to make the transplantation procedure simpler.

The 6th world and first Indian Organ Donation Day was celebrated last year i.e., November, 2010. The 2nd Indian Organ Donation Day was organised at AIIMS, New Delhi, on 28th November, 2011, to emphasize and spread the message of Organ Donation among the public.

Organ donation awareness workshops have been held at Bangalore, Hyderabad, Chennai, Pudducherry, Kolkata and Ahmedabad during 2011 for increasing the awareness among the public for organ donation.