

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ORGAN TRANSPLANT

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

- (a) whether cases of organ transplant particularly kidney transplant are pending due to non-availability of organs;
- (b) if so, the total number of cases pending for kidney transplant in the country; and
- (c) the details of the innovative methods and schemes formulated by the Government to promote organ transplant in the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Health being a state subject, such information is not maintained centrally.

However, there is a gap between the number of patients who need transplants and the number of organs that are available.

(c) To create awareness for organ and tissue donation among the stakeholders and general public, Indian Organ Donation Day is celebrated in the month of November, every year. Recently, the third Indian Organ Donation Day was organized on 30th November 2012 at Safdarjung Hospital New Delhi.

Regional `Organ Donation Awareness workshops` were organized in coordination with State Governments during 2011-2012 in the cities of Bangalore, Hyderabad, Puducherry, Chennai, Kolkata, Ahmedabad, Pune, Chandigarh, & Trivendrum for increasing the awareness among public for organ and tissue donation.