Lok Sabha Parliamentary Q & A on Organ Donation & Transplantation

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 3194 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.08.2006

EXPERT COMMITTEES REPORTS ON ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION

3194. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI

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

- (a) whether certain expert committees have submitted their reports to the Government regarding organ transplantation;
- (b) if so, the number of such reports received along with the date of their receipt;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any action to bring about necessary changes in the law with a view to end the suffering of such patients on the basis of said reports; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes Sir.
- (b) The report of Transplant of Human Organs Act (THOA) Review Committee was submitted to the Government on 25th May, 2005.
- (c) & (d) Among other things, the Committee recommended the creation of awareness about organ donations through Information/Education/Communication programmes and through incentives, with the objective of increasing organ availability, especially cadaver organs. Consultations with other stake holders including State Governments would be necessary on the recommendations.