

Lok Sabha Parliamentary Q & A on Organ Donation & Transplantation

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

LOK SABHA

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ORGAN DONATION RULES

5254. Shri ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to modify the existing rules/schemes to promote the organs donation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the inadequate infrastructure and improper treatment of dead body has negatively affected the donation of dead body in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to establish basic infrastructure to preserve dead body in safe and dignified manner?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Yes. The draft Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Rules 2013 incorporating the amendments has been hosted on the website www.mohfw.nic.in, inviting comments from the public.

(c) & (d): The Transplantation of Human Organs Act deals with donation of organs. Adequate infrastructure and proper maintenance of dead body are required for successful harvesting of organs from deceased donors.

(e): Health is a State Subject. Such steps should be taken by the States. However, as per Draft Rules mentioned above, the removal of the organ(s)/tissue shall be permissible in a registered retrieval/ transplant centre and preservation shall be ensured according to current and accepted scientific methods so as to ensure viability for the purpose of transplantation.