

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 457
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03RD FEBRUARY, 2023**

NATIONAL ORGAN TISSUE AND TRANSPLANT ORGANIZATION (NOTTO)

**457. SHRI D. M. KATHIR ANAND,
DR. T. SUMATHY (A) THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:**

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Tamil Nadu is the most active state with regard to Deceased Donor programme and has got the best State award from National Organ tissue and Transplant Organization (NOTTO) and if so the details thereof;
- (b) Whether the Transplant Authority of Tamil Nadu (TRANSTAN) functions as Regional Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (ROTTTO) and State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (SOTTO) by government of India (GOI) order and if so, the details thereof and the financial and administrative support provided by the Union Government for enhancing the performance of TRANSTAN;
- (c) Whether it is a fact that Tamil Nadu has the highest number of hospitals with different organ transplant teams that are licensed for National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO) and if so, the number of licensed and registered hospitals; and
- (d) The effective steps taken or proposed to be taken by the government and its allied organizations to facilitate the Cadaver and live organ transplants for deserving patients in the country?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

- (a) Tamil Nadu is one of the active state with regards to Deceased Donor program and has got the Best State award from NOTTO for the year 2018, 2019, 2020 in Indian Organ Donation Day. However Maharashtra and Telangana were the best performing states

in terms of number of Deceased Donor Organ Transplant in 2021 and 2022 respectively.

- (b) The Transplant Authority of Tamil Nadu (TRANSTAN) functions as Regional Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (ROTO). It is stated that, as per guidelines of National Organ Transplant Programme (NOTP), ROTO is also State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (SOTO) for the State in which it is located. In this regard, it is further stated that this Ministry has released ₹ 2.093 Crores to Tamil Nadu for setting up ROTO during Financial year 2015-16 to 2018-19 as financial support.
- (c) As per available record Tamil Nadu has 120 hospitals registered with NOTP under NOTP as Transplant Centers with organ transplant/retrieval teams.
- (d) Government is taking several steps to increase awareness on organ donation. These include dissemination of information by NOTP, ROTOs and SOTOs, the three tiered structure set up under NOTP; a website www.notto.gov.in; a 24x7 call centre with a toll free helpline number (1800114770) to provide information, tele-counseling and to help in coordination for organ donation; a number of activities are organized across the country for generating awareness, such as celebration of Indian Organ Donation Day annually, seminars, workshops, debates, sports events, walkathons, participation in marathons, nukkad natak, awareness stall in India International Trade Fair, 2022 etc; display boards on organ donation are put up outside ICUs and other strategic locations in the transplant/retrieval hospitals; advertisement in print media; dissemination of audio and audio-visual messages through social media (Facebook, Twitter, You Tube Channel); electronic media etc.
