Constituting NOPDO

4274. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is contemplating any plan to constitute a National Organ Procurement and Distribution Organization (NOPDO);
- (b) if so, whether this organization will increase the availability of organs from cadaver donors and build capacity for retrieval of organs and transplantation; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD): (a) to (c) Yes. The Transplantation of Human Organs (Amendment) Act, 2011, provides that the Central Government may establish a National Human Organs and Tissues Removal and Storage Network at one or more places in the country.

Establishment of such a network will increase the availability of human organs and tissues from cadaver donors for transplantation.

Annual health survey in N.E. states

4275. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of North Eastern (NE) States where annual health survey has been conducted under the Annual Health Survey Scheme, district-wise;
- (b) the details of the result of the said survey and the shortcomings found during the survey;
- (c) whether funds have been allocated to the North Eastern States for the said scheme; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Annual Health Survey (AHS) is implemented in all districts of Assam and eight Empowered Action Group (EAG) States, namely, Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan and Odisha. The first round of the survey was conducted in 2010-2011 and the AHS Bulletin containing the district level indicators such as Crude Birth Rate (CBR), Crude Death Rate (CDR), Infant Mortality Rate (IMR), Neo-natal Mortality Rate, Under five mortality Rate (U5MR), Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) and Sex Ratio at Birth (SRB) was released in August 2011. A statement containing district-wise information