

Setting up of human organ banks

1309. SHRIMATI VASANTHI STANLEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is shortage of humanorgans in hospitals for treatment;
- (b) if so, whether Government proposes to launch any scheme to provide financial assistance to the State Governments for setting up human organ banks; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by Government in co-ordination with the State Governments to encourage people to donate human organs of brain-dead persons for needy patients?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes.

(b) Health being a state subject, it is for the States to consider setting up of human organ banks. So far, no proposal for setting up of human organ bank has been received from any State. An outlay of Rs. 25 crore has been made in the Twelfth five year plan for setting up of five regional tissue banks in five regions of the country.

(c) To create awareness for organ donation, Indian Organ Donation Day is celebrated every year since the year 2010.

A programme on Organ donation was aired through Lok Sabha Channel to spread awareness in the month of November 2013.

Awareness activities were carried out in India International Trade fair to spread the message of Deceased Organ Donation among the public.

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

Organ Retrieval Banking Organization at AIIMS has been registering the persons who pledge to donate their organs after death.

National Organ Transplant Programme has been approved with main component of Information, Education and Communication activities to promote organ donation from deceased donors.

An online system with a dedicated website (notto.nic.in) has been finalised to be in place for establishing network at State, Regional and National levels for procurement of organs from deceased /cadaver donors and their distribution in a transparent manner.

Funds for CGHS Unani

1310. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that allocations for CGHS Unani have not been increased significantly during the last 7-8 years;
- (b) whether it is impacting the growth and development of Unani system;
- (c) if so, the reasons for not increasing the allocations significantly; and
- (d) the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) CGHS Unani is provided adequate budget for procurement of medicines. The budget allocation for Unani System of medicines is based on the trend of expenditure of previous years and the anticipated demand in the next year. There is no paucity of funds for Unani medicines under CGHS.

Well-equipped PHCs

1311. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India can beat down the under five mortality rate by having well-equipped public health centres (PHCs) manned by doctors and well trained staff present round the clock;
- (b) if so, whether Government is considering to ask all the State Governments to have well-equipped public health centres manned by doctors and well trained staff present round the clock; and
- (c) if so, the response of the State Governments in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Well-equipped Public Health Centers (PHCs) manned by doctors and well trained staff is one of the key strategies *inter-alia* to reduce Under Five Mortality Rate (U5MR). As per the Coverage Evaluation Survey (CES) -2009, 73% of deliveries