

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1700
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH AUGUST, 2024**

OPENING ORGAN TRANSPLANT CENTRE IN JIPMER

1700. SHRI S. SELVAGANABATHY:

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

- (a) whether organ transplant facilities are not available in the Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research (JIPMER), Puducherry, despite being an institute of National Importance;
- (b) whether Government will insist on JIPMER Administration to equip the institution for liver, lung transplantation and knee replacement surgeries which are too costly for the poor;
- (c) whether patients are asked to purchase even basic medicines from outside and whether Government will advise JIPMER to maintain sufficient stock of medicines without taxing the public; and
- (d) whether JIPMER administration surrenders a large chunk of Central grants unutilised every year and whether Government will direct JIPMER to utilise surrendering amount for purchase of medicines?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) and (b) Organ transplant facilities are available in Jawaharlal Institute of Post Graduate Medical Education & Research (JIPMER), Puducherry. Kidney, liver, limb, knee, cornea and bone marrow transplant surgeries have been regularly performed by the Institute.

(c) and (d) There is no shortage of any essential medicine in JIPMER, Puducherry. The Institute provides all essential medicines free of cost to all Out Patient Department (OPD) patients and to all Below Poverty Line (BPL) patients admitted in In Patient Department (IPD).

The details of funds released to JIPMER, Puducherry are as following :-

(Rupees In crores)

S.No.	Financial year	Funds released to JIPMER, Puducherry	Funds utilized by JIPMER, Puducherry
1.	2021-22	988.65	988.65
2.	2022-23	1282.00	1262.00
3.	2023-24	1307.00	1307.00