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Dear Ma'am / Sir,

As you may be aware, the Section 13 C & 13 D of the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act (THOTA) 1994 (as amended in 2011) has given following mandates to Central Government:

*Section 13C. "The Central Government may, by notification, establish a National Human Organs and Tissues Removal and Storage Network at one or more places and Regional Network in such manner and to perform such functions, as may be prescribed."*

*Section 13D. "The Central Government shall maintain a national registry of the donors and recipients of human organs and tissues and such registry shall have such information as may be prescribed to an ongoing evaluation of the scientific and clinical status of human organs and tissues."*

2. In pursuance to the above mandate, Government of India has established National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) an apex organization and similar organizations at Regional (5) and State (21) level to provide for an efficient and organized system of organ procurement and distribution in the country, and maintain a national registry of donors and recipients of organs and tissues.

3. To fulfil the above mandate the hospitals carrying out organ and tissue transplantation/ retrieval/ tissue banking are required to link with the NOTTO and provide both living and deceased organ and tissue donation and transplantation data for National registry.

**However, it has been observed that data especially living donor data is either incomplete or not provided by the states. Also, some States do not have a system for collecting living donor data.**

4. In view of the above, it is requested that following instructions may be issued to all concerned for compliance :-

- Every licensed or registered transplant hospital (Organ Transplant, Non-Transplant Retrieval Centers, and Tissue Banks) needs to be linked up with the NOTTO web portal.
- Every transplanting hospital needs to register patients requiring transplants in the "subject demography format" as available on the NOTTO web portal and update their status on regular basis.

- Further, to maintain the National Registry, it is essential that the data is updated online on the NOTTO web-portal on regular basis and monthly offline report related to **deceased as well as living donors** needs to be compiled, verified and provided to NOTTO through respective SOTTO. The data should be collected and reported to NOTTO on a monthly basis (latest by the first week of the subsequent month) as per the enclosed formats (Annexure 1, Annexure 2 and Annexure 3). The State Appropriate Authority (SAA) which has powers of a civil court under the Act, may please ensure the compliance to provision of data by the hospitals for National Registry. After verification by SAA, the data may be sent to NOTTO through the respective SOTTO. Non compliance in this regard may be dealt by the SAA as per the provisions of the THOTA 1994.
- It is also desirable that every transplant hospital whether public or private promotes deceased organ donation and strives to achieve a minimum number of a donations annually for which they will be required to establish a system for brain stem death certification and its monitoring, and facility for deceased organ donor maintenance. An advisory may be issued in this regard by the SAA.

5. For facilitating hospitals in registering & updating recipients and donors with National registry on NOTTO web portal the hospitals may contact office of Director NOTTO (Ph. 01126164770 and e-mail: dir@notto.nic.in)

6. I seek your cooperation and support for establishing a robust National Registry which is absolutely essential for better program implementation and monitoring with the objective to prevent possible commercial dealings in organs and also to promote deceased organ donation.

7. An action taken report may please be sent to this Ministry in due course.

Encls.: as above

*With regards.*

Yours sincerely,

*Sudhansh Pant*

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ACS/Principal Secretary/Secretary (Health & FW) All States/UTs

Copy to:

1. Director, All ROTTOs & SOTTOs
2. Head, Central Government Hospitals/concerned Institutions

Copy for information to The Regional Directors of HFW of Government of India in respective States, who should supervise and ensure the complete collection of data in coordination with SAA/SOTTO.