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DIRECTOR GENERAL OF HEALTH SERVICES

No. D-28/676/Coord/NOTTO/24

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Dear Colleagues,

You may be aware of recent media reports mentioning commercial dealings in organs involving foreign citizens. The copy of these media reports is enclosed. It has also been noted from the registry of NOTTO, that there has been a surge in the number of organ transplants of foreigners in the country, which calls for monitoring of such transplants by the concerned State/UT Government Authority. In view of the seriousness of the aforesaid matter, the State/UT Government is requested to consider taking following actions on priority basis:

1. Appropriate Authority of the State appointed as per Transplantation of Human Organs & Tissues Act (THOTA) 1994, should investigate transplants in respect of foreign National in the state apart from any complaint of breach of any provision of the Act or any of the rules made thereunder and take appropriate actions, whenever such violations are noted.
2. It should be ensured, that a unique NOTTO-ID for both donor and recipient, is generated by the hospital from NOTTO website ([www.notto.mohfw.gov.in](http://www.notto.mohfw.gov.in)), in all cases of **organ transplant, whether from a living donor or deceased donor**. Besides NOTTO-ID being mandatory for considering allocation of organ in case of deceased donor transplant, this ID in case of a living donor transplant, shall also be generated at the earliest, maximum within 48 hours after the transplant surgery is done. For any facilitation required in this regard, the office of NOTTO may be contacted (Landline No. 011-26164770, Toll-free Number - 1800-11-4770, Email id - [dir@notto.nic.in](mailto:dir@notto.nic.in)).
3. Devise a system of regular inspection of the registered transplant/retrieval hospitals by the State Appropriate Authority, so as to have an onsite monitoring of their activities, quality of transplantation, post operative follow-up of donor and recipient and outcomes of transplantation.
4. Investigate any violation of the THOTA 1994 and rules thereunder and take appropriate action including suspension of registration for performing Organ Transplant, of the hospitals involved in illegal activities.
5. Time and again, letters have been written to states for sharing of data related to organ donation and transplantation with NOTTO. However, complete data is still not being received. It is again requested to ensure regular collection and sharing of data of all transplant cases including those of foreigners, with NOTTO on monthly basis. A DO letter dated 29-12-2023 from Secretary (Health & F.W.), issued earlier in this regard is also enclosed.

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We seek your prompt actions on above lines and an action taken report may please be furnished to this Directorate, within next 15 days.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



(Atul Goel)

To

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

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