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राष्ट्रीय अंग एवं ऊतक प्रत्यारोपण संगठन
National Organ & Tissue Transplant Organisation

स्वास्थ्य सेवा महानिदेशालय, स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार
Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India

अंगदान-जीवनदान

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Dear All,

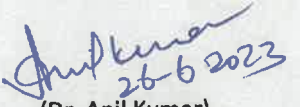
National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO) is a National level organization set up under Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. The organization has been set up in pursuance to mandate given to Central Government for establishing a network for organ procurement & distribution & to maintain a national registry for the purpose of surveillance of organ donation & transplantation in the country.

It has come to our notice, that certain websites & social media posts are promoting and offering organ trading, which is in violation of the provisions of THOTA (Transplantation of Human Organ & Tissue Act), 1994 & Rules there under. The Web link of one such website & some social media posts along with the printout of the same is annexed.

Such activities are punishable offence under section 18 of THOTA 1994, with fine ranging from Rs. 20 lakhs to Rs. 1crore and imprisonment ranging from 5 years to 10 years. Health and law and order being state subjects and also THOTA provides for State Appropriate Authority to be appointed by every state to deal with such illegal/ commercial activities/organ trafficking. Keeping in view of the gravity of the matter, you are requested to take necessary steps for prevention & control of organ trafficking and putting in place a system to monitor the same.

Kindly send the action taken report in this regard to this office at the earliest.

With regards,


(Dr. Anil Kumar)
Director, NOTTO

To:

1. Principal Secretary (Health), All States & UTs
2. State Appropriate Authority/Director Medical Education/Director Health Services, All States & UTs

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1. PSO to DGHS/ PPS to Adv (RW)

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Email

Dr. Rajneesh Sahai

Illegal activities pertaining to organ trafficking in the country

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO)!

Please find attached the DO Letter (DO Letter No. S.12011/06/2023-MS) dated May 17, 2023 from Sh. Rajiv Wadhawan, Govt. of India, MoHFW regarding "Illegal activities



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May 17, 2023

Sir,

It has come to the Ministry's notice that the matters of illegal online activities pertaining to organ trafficking in the country are at surge. For example, one website 'https://organ-india.jimdosite.com/?gclid=Cj0KCCQjwu-KiBhCsARIsAPztUF3QX5cA udM3MZ4YEp-KYG0Qx7jPrAyOEA8OT0J7myd279uM8ysxNK0aAqNSEALw_wc B' is offering Rs. 5 Crore INR in exchange for one kidney. The said website is operating in the name of Manipal Hospital Kidney Centre, Karnataka and Dr. Ravi Jangamani, nephrologist. Moreover, various social groups are active on social networking sites such as Face Book on which posts regarding illicitly selling and purchase of organs are being shared regularly. The relevant screenshots of posts are attached herewith. These kind of unlawful activities are a major hindrance to the implementation of National Organ Transplant Programme. I, therefore, request your personal attention in creating awareness so that people are cognizant towards the government recognized process of organ donation permitted by the law, along with the illegality and repercussions associated with indulgence in organ trafficking.

With regards

Yours Sincerely,

(Rajiv Wadhawan)

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Government of India
Department of Health and Family Welfare
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
D.O. No. H.12011/03/2023-MS
20th April, 2023

भारत 2023 (MS)
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सचिव
RAJESH BHUSHAN, IAS
SECRETARY

Dear Colleague,

As you may be aware, Central Government has been given a mandate under the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act (THOTA), 1994 for establishing National Human Organs & Tissues Removal and Storage Network and to maintain a National registry of the donors and recipients of human organs and tissues. In this regard, the Government of India is implementing the National Organ Transplant Programme (NOTP) to promote organ donation and transplantation across the country. A three tier structure has been set up under the NOTP for an efficient and organized system of organ procurement and distribution in the Country, which consists of the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO) at New Delhi at the apex level, five Regional Organ and Tissue Transplant Organizations (ROTTOS) at Chandigarh, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata and Guwahati and State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organizations (SOTTOs) at the State level.

2. The Government of India is working with the aim of "One Nation, One Policy" for Organ Donation and Transplantation in consultation with States. In this context, a meeting was held with all States under the Chairmanship of Director General of Health Services (DGHS) on 9th January, 2023 wherein it was noted that the THOTA and Rules thereunder, provides that a patient requiring Deceased Donor Organ for Transplant (DDOT) can seek organ transplant from any registered transplant hospital in the Country and his/her request would thereafter be registered by the transplant hospital with the National Registry for inclusion in the waiting list. A unique ID will be provided by NOTTO to each of these registered patients. The patient would be counted as the patient of the State where the concerned transplant hospital is located. The patient also has the option to change the transplant hospital within or outside the State after initial registration and the unique ID for determining the priority in the waiting list would remain the same. Therefore, now it has been decided to do away with the domicile requirement of the State (as has been the practice in few States) for registration of patients requiring organ transplantation from deceased donor. Hence, no State/UT shall ask for domicile for registering the patients for deceased donor organ transplantation.

3. As per the previous guideline of National Organ and Tissue Transplantation (NOTTO), only persons below the age of 65 years were eligible for registration to receive deceased donor organ. Now, it has been decided that patients of any age, requiring Deceased Donor Organ for Transplant (DDOT), without any upper age limit, will be permitted to register all over the Country in the waiting list registry.

4. Further, it is emphasised that no fee should be charged by the States/UTs for registration of patients for deceased donor organ as there is no such provision under THOTA

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1994. Wherever fees are being charged for registration, such practices should be stopped immediately.

5. In view of the above, you are requested to take necessary steps so as to ensure implementation of above guidelines and share an action taken report with this Ministry within 15 days.

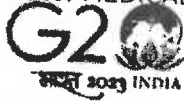
6. I shall be grateful if you kindly look into the matter personally and support this National endeavor to bring in uniformity in the field of organ donation and transplantation all over the country. This will go a long way in furthering the noble cause of organ donation.

Warm Regards.

Yours sincerely,


(Rajesh Bhushan)

ACS/Principal Secretary/Secretary (Health and Family Welfare), all States/UTs



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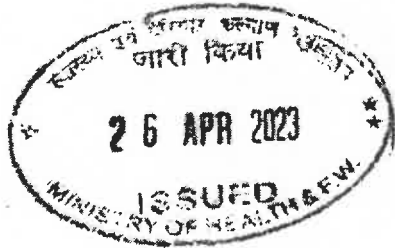
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April 25, 2023

Dear Sir,

As you are aware, the Union Government has taken several significant steps to simplify the process of organ donation in the country. The major challenge faced by the Government of India in respect of organ donation/transplantation is the lack of awareness on the subject in the country. In a review meeting on National Organ Transplant Programme under co-chairmanship of Hon'ble Member (Health), NITI Aayog and Secretary (HFW), it was decided that a curriculum on organ transplants needs to be finalized for inclusion in the CBSE curriculum for school children.

2. In view of above, a module has been drafted by the Department for inclusion in the syllabus of CBSE for school students and is being forwarded herewith for your kind perusal. It is requested that inputs/comments/suggestions may be provided on the draft chapter so as to finalize the module for addition in the curriculum.

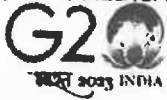


Yours Sincerely,

o/c

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(Signature)
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