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Ministry of Health & Family Welfare  
Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi - 110011

D.O. No. S.12011/02/2024-MS  
19<sup>th</sup> June, 2024

Dear Sir

India has emerged as one of the leading destinations for foreign nationals to get their organs transplanted owing to the world-class health facilities in the country and its highly skilled medical professionals. Accordingly, the instances of foreign nationals coming to India for the purpose of organ transplant are likely to increase. It is essential for these foreign nationals visiting India for organ transplant to understand the specific guidelines and legal requirements that regulate the process of organ transplantation in India.

2. In order to sensitize the foreign nationals who visit India on Medical Visa for organ transplantation along with addressal of their queries regarding rules pertaining to organ transplantation in India, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has prepared scroll messages and creatives, with a proposition of its wide dissemination by displaying it on the websites/portals of Bureau of Immigration under Ministry of Home Affairs. The copy of scroll messages and creatives is enclosed. You will appreciate that this step will immensely help in creating awareness among foreigners visiting India for organ transplantation.

3. I shall be grateful if you could kindly look into the matter personally and direct the concerned authorities for ensuring that the enclosed messages may be circulated extensively through display at prominent places in airports, the web portals of Bureau of Immigration for wide reach.

Encl.: as above

*with regards*

Yours sincerely,

(Apurva Chandra)

**Shri Ajay Kumar Bhalla,**  
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New Delhi-110011

## **Information for Foreign citizens seeking Organ Transplant treatment in India**

- In India, Organ and Tissue donation and transplantation is regulated under Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act (**THOTA**), 1994 and Rules thereunder.
- Treatment of diseases, which require organ transplant shall, be permitted only on a Medical Visa, which is mandatory for both organ donor and recipient.
- All living organ donors **MUST** be of the age 18 years or above.
- A near relative includes one of the following categories of relation between donor and recipient: spouse, son, daughter, father, mother, brother, sister, grandfather, grandmother, grandson or granddaughter. A near relative donor is more likely to be approved by the authorization committee.
- When the donor or recipient is a foreign national, then prior approval of the Authorization Committee shall be required before removing or transplanting human organ or tissue or both.
- No Indian living donor is permitted to donate his organ(s) to a foreigner, recipient unless he is a near relative of the recipient.
- A senior official, of embassy of the country of origin in India, is required to certify the relationship between the donor and the recipient as per form 21

(<https://notto.mohfw.gov.in/WriteReadData/Portal/images/FORM21.pdf>)

- In case a country does not have an Embassy in India, the certificate of relationship, in the same format, shall be issued by the Government of that country.
- Foreigner patients needing organ(s) from a deceased donor for transplant, can also seek registration in India through their treating hospital after which their name will be included in the waiting list registry. However, such cases would be considered for allocation of organ only when there is no Indian patient, is available to take that organ in the whole country.
- The list of transplant hospitals which are linked with the national registry maintained by National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO) may be seen at weblink :  
<https://notto.mohfw.gov.in/approvedhospitalslist.htm>
- Commercial dealing in human organs or tissues is prohibited and is a punishable offence in India.
- For more information, visit NOTTO website  
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