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HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 19th February 2024

No. 4277—HFW-MEI-MISC-0051/2023-H.—In order to promote and encourage voluntary organ donation in the State, an annual award namely “Suraj Award” was instituted vide Health & F.W. Department Notification No. 3319, dated the 5th February 2020 in memory of Late Suraj Behera, whose parents voluntarily donated the organs of their brain-dead son to save lives of other people.

The donors’ families are also being given a cash award of Rs. 5.00 lakh each from Chief Minister’s Relief Fund (CMRF), and the families of organ donors from the State are being felicitated on the occasion of World Organ Donation Day i.e., on the 13th of August every year.

In addition to the above, Government has now been pleased to decide that the last rites of organ donors of Heart, Kidneys, Liver, Pancreas, Lungs and Intestines shall be conducted with full State Honours during the funeral, in order to acknowledge the selfless and heroic contribution of Organ Donors and their families.

This Notification will be effective from the date of its publication in the *Odisha Gazette*.

By order of the Governor

SHALINI PANDIT

Commissioner-*cum*-Secretary to Government