



POLICE COMMISSIONERATE
BHUBANESWAR-CUTTACK
BHUBANESWAR

COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO.03/2012

In the wake of recent advancements in Medical Science, different organs of human body are being transplanted to supplement the deficiencies/deformities suffered by individual(s) by various natural/unnatural causes.

In the said connection, various eye-banks/eye donation centres in the country are striving to restore eye-sight to the corneal blind through transplantation of the cornea of the deceased persons. It is understood that the cornea needs to be enucleated/retrieved within six hours of death of a person in order to be fit for transplantation.

The Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994 has been enacted to provide for regulation of removal, storage and transplantation of human organs for therapeutic purposes etc. and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Section-6 of the Act specifies that the person competent under this Act shall give the authority for removal of any human organ from such dead body sent for post-mortem examination for medico-legal or pathological purpose if he/she has reason to believe that -

- a) such human organ shall not be required for the purpose for which such body has been sent for post-mortem examination (i.e. will not affect the findings of post-mortem),
- b) the deceased person had not expressed before his death any objection to any of his human organs being used, for therapeutic purposes after his death or where he had granted an authority for use of any of his

organs for therapeutic purposes after his death such authority had not been revoked by him before his death.

In the background of the above, it is hereby ordered that the Inspector In-charge of the PS in the Urban Police Districts, Bhubaneswar and Cuttack, may, in consultation with the doctor on duty/registered medical practitioner issue a No Objection Certificate (NOC) in the prescribed proforma vide **Annexure-A** for removal of the cornea from the body of the deceased person before his/her post-mortem examination after ensuring the following:-

- i. That the preservation of the cornea(s) of the dead body is not vital for investigation/enquiry of the case and the circumstances of death.
- ii. That, there is a written consent/NOC for the purpose from the near relatives (spouse, father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister) of the deceased.
- iii. Removal of cornea shall be undertaken by a medical practitioner, preferably an Ophthalmologist, registered under MCI/State Medical Council as per Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994.
- iv. The cornea(s) shall be retrieved/enucleated preferably within 2/6 hours of death of a person for preventing damage to the cornea(s), its proper preservation and successful transplantation.
- v. An undertaking from a Govt. registered recognized eye-bank/eye donation centre to the effect that such retrieved/enucleated cornea(s) shall not be used for any commercial purpose.
- vi. Permission for such removal shall be granted only to a Govt. recognized eye-bank/eye donation centre.

By order

(B.K.Sharma)
Commissioner of Police,
Bhubaneswar-Cuttack.

FORMAT FOR NOC BY POLICE

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

This is to certify that deceased_____

S/o/W/o/D/o_____ is not found to have expressed any objection for use of his/her organ(s) for therapeutic purpose after his/her death. His/her relative, namely_____

S/o/W/o/D/o_____relation_____ has also consented for organ retrieval in the prescribed format. As per the Death Certificate and information provided to me, the cause of death is not related to the organs to be donated.

Considering all the above mentioned facts, I hereby issue a No Objection Certificate for retrieval of the organ namely_____ of the deceased person for therapeutic purpose(s) only.

Signature of the Police Officer

Full Name :

Designation :

Police Station :