

**National Mental Health Programme**

\*560. SHRI C. P. MUDALAGIRI-YAPPA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Mental Health Programme was launched during the Seventh Plan period to ensure availability and accessibility of minimum mental care for all in the foreseeable future, particularly to the most vulnerable and under privileged sections of the population;

(b) if so, whether a National Advisory Group had been constituted for effective implementation of the said programme;

(c) the outcome of this programme; and

(d) the number of persons benefited during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The major activities undertaken for the programme are as follows:

(i) 11 Regional Centres/Medical Colleges have been identified under the programme for providing training in basic knowledge and skills in the field of Mental Health to the primary health care physicians and para-medical personnel in different parts of the country.

(ii) A National Advisory Group on Mental Health was constituted in August, 1988.

(iii) A number of Workshops for State level planners and administrators as well as for medical and para-medical personnel were organised.

(iv) Training programme for trainers were organised to help

them to initiate PHC level activities in their areas.

(v) Mental Health Act, 1987 has been enacted by the Parliament, Rules under the above Act have also been notified in December, 1990.

(vi) Support materials for National Mental Health Programme have been developed and widely made available to all States/U.Ts which would serve as guidelines for medical and para-medical personnel.

(d) No reliable data are available in this regard.

**Hospitals for Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy**

\*561. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY:

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are hospitals under the control of the Union or State-Governments for treatment of patients through Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy;

(b) if so, their names and locations;

(c) if not, whether the Government propose to open such hospitals under its direct management or through voluntary organisations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per statement given below

(c) and (d) Central Government does not propose to open any new hospitals.