

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2944
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2000
EPILEPSY PATIENTS
ANANTA NAYAK

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

- (a) whether the Government propose to provide adequate treatment to the epilepsy patients in the country;
- (b) if so, the steps taken in this regard;
- (c) the number of epilepsy patients at present, State-wise;
- (d) whether any Centrally Sponsored Schemes has been launched;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the funds earmarked to States during 1999-2000, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

- (a)&(b) Adequate treatment facilities for epilepsy patients are available in the country as epilepsy can be treated by all psychiatric, medical, neurological and paediatric physicians at teaching/service hospitals/institutions and primary health centres. The Reproductive and Child Health Programme being implemented by the Government will also contribute in reducing the incidence of epilepsy.
- (c) It is estimated that there are approximately 8 million patients in the country with the prevalence rate estimated to be 5-10 per thousand population.
- (d) No, Sir.
- (e)&(f) Do not arise.