

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

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CASES OF MENTAL DISORDERS

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

- (a) whether the people affected by severe mental disorders including schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, organic psychosis and major depression needs quality medical care as reported in the newspaper The Hindu dated October 17, 2007;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government has formulated any scheme to provide quality medical care to these people;
- (c) if so, the details in this regard;
- (d) whether the Union Government proposes to extend the mental health programme to all districts of the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) names of the medical colleges which have been granted funds for upgradation of their psychiatric centre of the programme; State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS)

(a) to (c) Epidemiological studies have revealed that 1 to 2% of the population has major mental disorders and 5 to 10 % suffer from minor mental disorders. Under National Mental Health Programme, efforts are made to provide mental health as a part of general health system. In this regard, the Central Government supplements the State government efforts through District Mental Health Programme, Strengthening of Psychiatric Wings of Medical Colleges/ General Hospitals and Modernisation/ Upgradation of Mental Hospitals to make them as therapeutic units.

(d) & (e) Government proposes to extend the mental health programme to maximum number of districts of the country in a phased manner during 11th Five Year Plan.

(f) Details Annexed.