

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

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DIPLOMA COURSES IN PSYCHIATRY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce non-medical diploma courses in psychiatry in view of the poor ratio of psychiatric doctors and mentally ill patients in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to appoint such diploma holders in public health centres across the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

- (a) & (b) There is no proposal to introduce non-medical diploma courses in psychiatry.
- (c) & (d) Does not arise.