

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

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MENTAL HEALTH CARE INSTITUTES

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

(a) whether there is shortage of man power in the mental health care institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for the development of mental health care institutes in the country including the details of any policy launched/proposed in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes. As against an estimated requirement of 11500 Psychiatrists, 17250 Clinical Psychologists, 23000 Psychiatric Social Workers & 3000 Psychiatric Nurses in the country, only approximately 3000 Psychiatrists, 500 Clinical Psychologists, 400 Psychiatric Social Workers and 900 Psychiatric Nurses are available.

(c):The Manpower Development Schemes under the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP) has been approved by the Government with a total budget outlay of Rs. 408.011 crores for the 11th Five Year Plan. Centres of Excellence in the field of mental health are being established by upgrading and strengthening identified existing mental health hospital/ institutes with a support of upto Rs. 30 crore per centre. The support includes capital work (Academic block, Library, Hostel, Lab., Supportive departments, Lecture theatres etc.), equipments and furnishing, support for faculty induction and retention for the plan period.

Further, to provide an impetus for development of Manpower in Mental Health, Govt. Medical Colleges, Govt. General Hospitals/ State run Mental Health Institutes are being supported for starting PG courses or increasing the intake capacity for PG training in Mental Health with support of Rs. 51 lakh to Rs. 1 crore per PG Department. The support includes physical work for establishing/ improving department in specialties of mental health (Psychiatry, Clinical Psychology, Psychiatric Social Work and Psychiatric Nursing), equipments, tools and basic infrastructure (hostel, library, department etc.), support for engaging faculty etc.

The details of funds released under the Manpower Development Schemes is annexed.