

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

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DEMENTIA DISEASE

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

- (a) whether as per a study by the Alzheimer's and Related Disorders Society of India (ARDSI), over 3.7 million people in the country are suffering from dementia and the number is expected to increase manifold during the coming years;
- (b) if so, the details and the facts in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any survey to ascertain the number of such patients in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT wise; and
- (e) the measures taken/proposed by the Government for early diagnosis and creating adequate treatment facilities in the hospitals to deal with the disease?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): As per the World Alzheimer's Report, it is estimated that in 2010 there will be 3.7 million Indian persons (2.1 million women and 1.6 million men) over the age of 65 years with dementia. This figure will double in 20 years to about 7.6 million persons in 2030 due to longevity of the elderly population.

(c) & (d): No.

(e): The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is implementing National Mental Health Programme for management of mental disorders which include treatment for behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia.