

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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REHABILITATION PROGRAMME FOR MENTALLY SICK AND HOMELESS WOMEN

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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the community-based rehabilitation programme for mentally sick and homeless women;
- (b) Whether the Government has conducted any survey about the number of mentally sick and homeless women in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government is contemplating in issuing them voter Identification Cards, Below Poverty Line (BPL)/above Poverty Line (APL) cards and access to National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) programmes for works as well; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH)

- (a) to (c) No survey has been conducted by the Government about the number of mentally sick and homeless women. However, the Ministry is implementing two schemes i.e. Swadhar and Short Stay Home for relief and rehabilitation of women in difficult circumstances including mentally sick and homeless women.
- (d) & (e) The Above Poverty Line (APL)/Below Poverty Line (BPL) cards are issued by the State Governments to the eligible citizens as per their procedures and entitlement. However, the women staying at Swadhar and Short Stay Home are provided shelter and food in these homes alongwith other facilities. Under the Scheme of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guaranteed Act (MGNERGA), all rural households including women can avail the benefit of 100 days guaranteed employment.