

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

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MENTAL HEALTH HOSPITAL/INSTITUTES  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has proposed/undertaken any survey/study regarding the mentally challenged patients in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the findings thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to establish Centres of Excellence by upgrading and strengthening existing mental health hospitals/institutes including National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences, Bangalore;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the mental hospitals/institutes identified for the purpose; and
- (e) the criteria fixed for the admission of students particularly from North-East Region in these institutes?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): As per 58th round (2002) report of National Sample Survey, number of persons with mental retardation (mentally challenged) is 94 per 1,00,000 persons. The State-wise details are at annexure-I
- (c) & (d): Under Manpower Development Scheme of the National Mental Health Programme central assistance has been provided to 9 mental health hospitals/ institutes for their strengthening and upgradation as Centres of Excellence. The State -wise details are at annexure-II.
- (e): There is no specific criteria/reservation region-wise for admission of students in these institutes. However, existing reservation policy applies to these institutes as well.