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RISE IN CASES OF MENTAL ILLNESS

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

- (a) whether cases of mental illness, particularly among children are on the rise in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of persons, particularly children suffering from mental illness in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether treatment ratio for mental illness is very low in the country compared to some other countries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of mental hospitals/institutes in the country and the number of them strengthened/upgraded during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (e) the financial assistance provided to the States for implementation of the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP) during the said period; and
- (f) the details of the strategies formulated and activities undertaken/proposed under NMHP alongwith the achievements made as result of implementation the programme, State/UTwise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : Epidemiological studies from various parts of the country indicate that the prevalence of mental disorders is 6-7% and vary from 6 to 15% among children. However, there is no evidence to say that there is a definite increase in prevalence of mental illness in children day by day in India. The State/ UT wise details of persons with mental illness as per 58th round (2002) report of National Sample Survey is Annexure-1.

(c) According to WHO reports, the treatment gap of common mental disorders in developing countries is upto 90%.

(d) There are 3 mental health institutes being run by the Government of India, 40 State run mental hospitals along with 335 Departments of Psychiatry in various medical colleges (154 in Government and 181 in private) across the country which are equipped to treat patients suffering from mental illness. Funds have been released to 29 State-run mental hospitals for their modernization and 89 Psychiatric Wings of Government Medical Colleges/ Civil Hospitals for their up-gradation till date. The details of fund released to the States/ UTs during the last three years at Annexure-II.

(e) & (f): To address the huge burden of mental disorders, Government of India is implementing the NMHP since 1982. A total of 123 districts in 30 States/ UTs have been covered under the District Mental Health Programme (DMHP). Under the 11th Five Year Plan, the NMHP has been restructured to include the following components:

I. Manpower Development Scheme:

i) Establishment of Centres of Excellence

ii) Scheme for manpower development in Mental Health

II. District Mental Health Programme

III. Up-gradation of Psychiatric Wings of Government Medical College

IV. Modernization of Government Mental Hospitals