GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE LOK SABHA

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

- (a) whether any plan has been formulated by the Government for development of infrastructure and faculty and other academic activities of various mental Institutes including Central Institute of Psychiatry (CIP), Ranchi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof State-wise/ UT-wise;
- (c) whether the existing strength of faculty and capacity of patient intake and other infrastructural facilities in these Mental Institutes have not been revised since long;and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to restore the efficiency of these premier mental health institutes?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): There are three government run Mental Health Institutes under the MoHFW viz. National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bangalore, Central Institute of Psychiatry (CIP), Ranchi and Lokopriya Gopinath Bordoloi Regional Institute of Mental Health (LGBRIMH), Tezpur.

To overcome the increased work load and meet the expectations of the patients and requirement of the country, nine additional faculty and non faculty posts have been created at NIMHANS during 2012. In the 12th Five Year Plan Proposal of NIMHANS, additional outlays have been sought to meet the requirements of infrastructure and manpower at the Institute.

An EFC proposal with an outlay of Rs. 100 crores for redevelopment of Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi, had been approved by the Government of India during the 11th Five Year Plan which included creation of 140 additional posts to fulfil mandatory requirement for existing PG courses to meet the MCI norms, mandatory requirements of Oversight Committee and posts for advanced departments, besides funds for construction works at the Institute and purchase of equipment.

An EFC Proposal with an outlay of Rs. 248.36 crores for up-gradation of building and infrastructural facilities at LGBRIMH has been approved by the Government of India in the year 2011-12.

To address the acute shortage of qualified mental health professionals in the country, the Government is also implementing schemes for establishment of Centres of Excellence and PG Departments in mental health specialties. Till date, support has been provided for establishment of 11 Centres of Excellence and 27 PG Departments (in 11 Institutes) in mental health specialties in the country.

Also funds have been provided for up-gradation of 88 Psychiatric Wings of Govt. Medical Colleges/ General Hospitals and modernization of 29 State run mental hospitals in the country.

The details of funds released are annexed.

(c) & (d): The infrastructure and amenities for patients at these 3 Central Govt. Institutes have always been of a very high order and they are one of the model psychiatric and neurological centres in the country and are used as a benchmark for comparing other hospitals of similar nature in the country.

The Government of India has constantly supported the three Institutes in the past by increasing the allocation of funds to these Institutes to facilitate initiation of a number of novel clinical and manpower development activities. Further, Government is taking all possible steps to ensure speedy creation of faculty and non faculty posts to assist the Institutes in starting new courses in mental health specialties and enhancing the intake of students in existing courses every year and ensuring smooth functioning of the Institutes.