

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

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MENTAL DISORDERS

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey/study to ascertain the number of people suffering from mental disorders in the country;
- (b) if so, the details along with the outcome thereof indicating the number of mentally-ill patients in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the programmes being implemented by the Government to provide treatment to such patients along with the funds allocated and spent thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether there is shortage of psychiatrist and mental hospitals/institutions to deal with the rising cases of mental illness in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof indicating the present number of psychiatrist and mental hospitals/institutions along with the steps taken/proposed by the Government to increase their number in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) to (e): The details of number of patients with mental disorders and proportionate availability of psychiatrist, psychiatric nurses and social workers, clinical psychologist and mental hospitals and beds in the Country, State/UT wise (as per the above mentioned survey) is at Annexure - I.

As per the National Survey of Mental Health Resources carried out by the Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare during May and July, 2002, the ideal required number of Psychiatrists is 1.0 per 1,00,000 population. Accordingly, as per the current population, about 12500 Psychiatrists are required in the country out of which about 3800 are available.

To address the huge burden of mental disorders and acute shortage of qualified professionals in the field of mental health, Government of India is implementing the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP) since 1982. 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 (Scheme – A)

(ii) Scheme for manpower development in Mental Health (Scheme – B)

II. District Mental Health Programme with added components of Life Skills Education and Counseling in Schools and Colleges, suicide prevention services etc.

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

IV. Modernization of Government Mental Hospitals.

Further, there are 3 Centrally run mental health institutes, 40 State run mental hospitals and 335 Departments of Psychiatry in various medical colleges (154 in Government and 181 in private) across the country equipped to treat patients suffering from mental illness.

The details of funds released during the last three years is at Annexure II.