

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

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RESOLUTION OF MENTAL DISORDERS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has recently pushed through a resolution on mental health in the World Health Assembly;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the salient features of the said resolution;
- (c) the manner in which the said resolution is likely to benefit patients suffering from mental disorders in the country;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to include mental disorders in the Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs);and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): India had moved a resolution on the "Global burden of mental disorders and the need for a comprehensive, coordinated response from health and social sectors at the country level" at the 65th World Health Assembly (WHA) for adoption of the resolution. The 65th WHA in its meeting held during 21-26 May 2012, adopted the above resolution. The resolution, which was co-sponsored by Switzerland and the USA, was adopted by the 65th WHA. A copy of the resolution is Annexed.

The resolution urges the Member States to develop and strengthen comprehensive policies and strategies that address the promotion of mental health, prevention of mental disorders, and early identification, care, support, treatment and recovery of persons with mental disorders. It further requests the Director-General, WHO to strengthen advocacy, and develop a comprehensive mental health action plan with measurable outcomes, based on an assessment of vulnerabilities and risks, in consultation with and for consideration by Member States.

(d) & (e): India recognizes mental disorders as a part of the Non-Communicable Diseases. 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