

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MENTAL HEALTHCARE

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

- (a) the funds allocated and utilised for mental healthcare, particularly child and adolescent mental healthcare during the 11th Five Year Plan period, State/UT- wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to accord priority to mental healthcare, particularly child and adolescent mental healthcare during the 12th Five Year Plan period;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to set up National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bangalore like institutes in various States/UTs and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other measures taken/proposed by the Government to increase the number of mental healthcare professionals and scale up related healthcare services in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) Under the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP), mental healthcare services are provided to men, women and children suffering from mental illnesses. The details of funds allocated and utilised for mental healthcare during the 11th Five Year Plan period, State/UT-wise is annexed.

(b) & (c) : The Government has accorded high priority to mental health care, particularly to child and adolescent mental health care during the 12th Five Year Plan. The Government is integrating different components of NMHP with the components of National Rural Health Mission namely School Health, Reproductive Child Health and Adolescent Friendly Clinics during the 12th Five Year Plan to reach out to the community in a more effective manner.

(d) There is no proposal under consideration in this Ministry for setting up National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bangalore like institutions in various States/ UTs of the country.

(e) To address the huge burden of mental disorders, Government of India is implementing the National Mental Health Programme (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 (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.