

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

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

- (a) whether as per the World Alzheimer's Report 2009, 60 per cent of dementia patients are likely to be from India by 2010;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to deal with the disease?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No. As per World Alzheimer's Report 2009, it is estimated that 4.48 million people with dementia will be in the South Asia Region out of a total of 35.56 million people with dementia worldwide i.e. 12.6 % of the total dementia patients in the world by 2010. This figure also includes countries such as Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Pakistan in addition to India. However, the figures are expected to rise due to increase in life expectancy.

c) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is implementing National Mental Health Programme for management of mental disorders which include treatment for behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia.