

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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GUIDELINES ON PSYCHOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Department of Health Research (DHR) has drawn up any guidelines on addressing psychological aspects of sexual violence;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the areas focussed therein;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up counselling centres in schools and colleges to deal with various psychological issues leading to suicides; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Yes. the Department has prepared a draft guidelines for psychological support for women survivors of sexual assaults in consultation with NIMHANS, Bangalore.

Under the Distt. Mental Health Programme (DMHP) component of National Mental Health Programme, activities like life skill education, counseling in schools and colleges, suicide prevention services etc have been taken up in 123 districts of the country.