

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES SCHEMES FOR MENTALLY RETARDED PERSONS

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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of mentally challenged persons in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government in consultation with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the State Governments is contemplating to launch Special Rehabilitation Scheme for mentally retarded persons instead of depending on Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs);
- (c) if so, the details and the status of implementation thereof; and
- (d) the details of funds allocated by the Government for the above said purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

- (a) As per Census 2011, there are 22,28,450 persons with Mental Retardation and Mental Illness in the country. Population of such persons, state-wise, is at Annexure.
- (b) and (c) In the 12th Five Year Plan it has been envisaged to establish a National Institute for Mental Health Rehabilitation (NIMHR). The Govt. has already initiated action such as identification of consultancy for establishment of the aforesaid Institute at Bhopal.
- (d) In the 12th Five Year Plan, an amount of Rs 50 crore is available for establishment of NIMHR.