

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1087
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09TH DECEMBER, 2025**

IMPLEMENTATION OF “NEVER ALONE” SCHEME

1087. SHRI MILIND MURLI DEORA:

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

- (a) the details of support provided to students under digital initiatives such as the AI-based “Never Alone” mental health program;
- (b) whether the scheme has been implemented in the State of Maharashtra, specifically Mumbai metropolitan schools and colleges; and
- (c) Government’s future plans to expand affordable digital mental health support for urban students?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) to (c): All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi launched AI-based ‘Never Alone’ app accessible via WhatsApp on 10.09.2025 to improve mental health awareness among students with a focus on counselling, screening, intervention and follow up care. The students can login or scan the QR code of AI based application for personalized mental health screening along with wellness advice.

Public Health is a state subject. However, in 2022, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched ‘National Tele Mental Health Program’ across the country for access to affordable and quality mental health counselling as well as consultation services. Till date, 36 States/UTs have set up 53 Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States (Tele-MANAS) Cells. In 2024, Tele- MANAS Mobile Application was launched. In addition, a video consultation facility has been introduced under Tele- MANAS as an upgrade to the existing audio calling service.
