

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 257
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02ND DECEMBER, 2025**

TOTAL BUDGET EARMARKED FOR MENTAL HEALTH

257. SHRI P. P. SUNEER:

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

- (a) the amount and percent of total budget outlay earmarked for mental health out of the budget estimates for the current financial year for the Ministry;
- (b) the channels for the Ministry to utilise the amount allocated to mental health, and details of the data of allocations for different programmes for the last five years;
- (c) the budgetary allocation for mental health under the Tertiary Care Programme (TCP), since 2021–22; and
- (d) whether the Ministry has identified reasons for under-utilisation of funds for the Tele MANAS programme?

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

- (a) to (d) For the current financial year (FY 2025-26), the Budget Estimate for the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) is Rs. 99,859 crore. Out of which, the budget earmarked for mental health services is Rs. 1,180 crore, which is approximately 1.18% of the total MoHFW budget.

The budget allocated for mental health under National Mental Health Programme (NMHP), District Mental Health Programme (DMHP), National Tele-Mental Health Programme (NTMHP) (launched on 10.10.2022), National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru, Lokopriya Gopinath Bordoloi Regional Institute of Mental Health (LGBRIMH), Tezpur, Assam and Central Institute of Psychiatry (CIP), Ranchi, for the last five years is at Annexure.

As per the Department of Expenditure's guidelines for revised procedure for flow of funds under Central Sector Schemes, the Ministries/ Departments shall release the funds as far as

possible in 'Just-In-Time' manner keeping the float in CNAs account to the minimum possible and shall in no case release more than 25% of the amount earmarked for the scheme in a financial year at a time. Additional funds (not more than 25% at a time) will be released only upon utilization of at least 75% of the funds released earlier and in compliance with the conditions of previous sanction.

The budget of NTMHP for States/UTs (for Tele-MANAS Cells and District Mental Health Programme (DMHP) Units) has been transferred from the Central Sector Scheme to the Centrally Sponsored Scheme to be released under the National Health Mission (NHM) as part of flexipool for providing flexibility to the States with effect from 01.08.2025.

Tele MANAS is a scheme which started in October 2022. As on 27.11.2022, 36 States/ UTs have set up 53 Tele MANAS Cells handling more than 29,82,000 calls on the helpline number.

Annexure

Budget allocated for Mental Health during the last five years

(in Rs. crore)

Programme / Institute	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
NMHP	22.11	28	35.31	34.65	20
DMHP	33.92	59.78	66.55	85.65	82.39
NTMHP	-	-	120.98	65	45
NIMHANS, Bangalore	474.43	553.49	678	750.5	780
LGBRIMH, Tezpur	52	67.16	58.3	72.53	50
CIP, Ranchi	100.93	100.4	129	128.15	129.41