

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2804
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17th MARCH, 2026**

FUNDS FOR MENTAL HEALTH

2804. #SHRI NEERAJ DANGI:

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

- (a) the funds allocated for mental health during the last three years;
- (b) whether it is a fact that approximately 80 percent of the persons with mental illnesses in the country belong to the low-income group and about 75 percent of them never receive medical treatment; and
- (c) if so, the new projects initiated by Government for the treatment and rehabilitation of mental health patients in rural and urban areas?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SH. PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) The budget allocated for mental health services under the Ministry, including allocation for National Mental Health Programme (NMHP), District Mental Health Programme (DMHP), National Tele Mental Health Programme (NTMHP), 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, during the last three years is as follows:

Sr.No.	Year	Total Allocation for Mental Health (Rs. in Crore)
1.	2022-23	1088.14
2.	2023-24	1136.48
3.	2024-25	1106.8

(b) and (c) As per National Mental Health Survey 2015-16 which was implemented by NIMHANS, treating gap for mental disorders ranged between 70-91% for different disorders.

The Government is also taking steps to strengthen mental healthcare services at primary healthcare level. The Government has upgraded more than 1.83 lakh Sub Health Centres (SHCs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) to Ayushman Arogya Mandirs. Mental health services have been added in the packages of services under Comprehensive Primary Health Care provided at these Ayushman Arogya Mandirs. Operational guidelines and training manuals for various cadres on Mental, Neurological, and substance use disorders (MNS) at Ayushman Arogya Mandirs have been released under the ambit of Ayushman Bharat.

Under the tertiary care component of NMHP, 25 Centres of Excellence have been sanctioned to increase the intake of students in PG departments in mental health specialties as well as to provide tertiary level treatment facilities. Further, the Government has also supported 19 Government medical colleges/institutions to strengthen 47 PG Departments in mental health Specialties.

There are 47 Government run mental hospitals in the country, including 3 Central Mental Health Institutions, viz. National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences, Bengaluru, Lokopriya Gopinath Bordoloi Regional Institute of Mental Health, Tezpur, Assam and Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi. Mental Health Services are also provisioned in all AIIMS.

Besides the above, The Government has launched a “National Tele Mental Health Programme” on 10th October, 2022, to further improve access to quality mental health counselling and care services in the country. As on 03.03.2026, 36 States/ UTs have set up 53 Tele MANAS Cells. Tele-MANAS services are available in 20 languages based on language opted by States. More than 34.34 lakh calls have been handled on the helpline number since inception.

The Government has also launched Tele MANAS Mobile Application on the occasion of World Mental Health Day - October 10, 2024. Tele-MANAS Mobile Application is a comprehensive mobile platform that has been developed to provide support for mental health issues ranging from well-being to mental disorders. The Government has also launched the video consultation facility under Tele-MANAS, as another upgrade to the already existing audio calling facility.
