

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2822  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2026**

**ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR NTMHP**

**2822. SHRI SAMIRUL ISLAM:**

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

- (a) the reasons for over 43 per cent under utilisation of funds under the National Tele Mental Health Programme (NTMHP) between BE 2025-26 and RE 2025-26 and the details thereof;
- (b) the details of funds allocated and utilised for NTMHP since inception and the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of calls handled by the Tele-MANAS Cell at the Armed Forces Medical College, Pune since establishment, the details thereof, year-wise?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) 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. The details of funds allocated and utilized for NTMHP since inception and the details thereof is as under:

(in Rs. crores)

Institute	2022-23		2023-24		2024-25	
	RE	Exp.	RE	Exp.	RE	Exp.
NTMHP	120.98	65.49	65	32.91	45	42.29

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.

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 Tele-MANAS Cell at the Armed Forces Medical College was inaugurated on 1st December, 2023 in Pune by the Chief of Defence Staff, General Anil Chauhan, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM in the presence of senior officials from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

The AFMS cell has handled 1255 calls since operational and the details of years-wise calls is as under:

Sr.No.	Year	No. of calls
1.	December 2023	12
2.	2024	283
3.	2025	777
4.	From 01.01.2026 to 10.03.2026	183
	Total	1255

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