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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.661**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2017

**MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS**

661. DR SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE किंसन कल्याण ½ãã`ããè be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the Mental Health problems are getting increased due to the adverse effects of Climate Change and Crop Failure thereof; and
- (b) if so, the measures taken by the Government to tackle the condition?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

किंसन कल्याण ½ãã`ããè ( SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a): As per the National Mental Health Survey conducted by the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), Bangalore in 12 States, the prevalence of mental disorders including common mental disorders, severe mental disorders, and alcohol and substance use disorders (excluding tobacco use disorder) in adults over the age of 18 years is about 10.6%. The adverse effects of climate change and crop failure were not specifically considered in the Survey for increase in Mental Health problems.

(b): To address the burden of mental disorders, the Government of India is implementing the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP) since 1982. The Government is supporting implementation of the District Mental Health Programme (DMHP) under NMHP on 517 districts of the country for detection, management and treatment of mental disorders/illness. With the objective to address the acute shortage of qualified mental health professionals in the country, the Government, under the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP), is implementing manpower development schemes for establishment of Centres of Excellence and strengthening/establishment of Post Graduate (PG) Departments in mental health specialties. Till date, support has been provided for establishment of 23 Centres of Excellence and strengthening/establishment of 46 Post Graduate (PG) Departments in mental health specialties in the country. During the 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan the DMHP has been restructured to include additional components like suicide prevention services, work place stress management, life skills training and counseling in schools and colleges. Support is also provided for Central/ State Mental Health Authorities, Research and Training and for Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities.

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