

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 184
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND FEBRUARY, 2018**

PERCEPTION ABOUT PSYCHIATRISTS

184. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

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

- (a) whether according to a survey one in three Indians perceive psychiatrists as mentally unsound, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is also true that there are different views among various religious people about the psychiatric treatments; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to create more awareness among all sections of people in the country in this regard?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a): The Government has neither conducted nor supported any survey to ascertain public attitude towards psychiatrists and psychiatric medication.

(b) & (c): Does not arise.