

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.272
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2018

Applied Behaviour Analysis

**272. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recognised “Applied Behaviour Analysis” as a profession in India and approved any standard teaching method for the subject;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is taking any steps to generate a resource pool of trained professionals team such as para-professionals, therapists and behaviour analysts with adequate training and practice to deal with affected persons;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has also taken steps to develop courses with updated knowledge and scientific approach of the international standard and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has informed that Applied Behaviour Analysis is a technique used in behaviour therapy and is taught in the M.Phil in Clinical Psychology course. Additionally, during the posting in the Behavioural Medicine Unit, all the postgraduate students of M.Phil (Clinical Psychology), M.D. (Psychiatry), M. Phil (Psychiatric Social Work) and M.Sc. (Psychiatric Nursing) courses get training in carrying out Behavioural Analysis to apply the same in the routine therapeutic work with the patients.

To address the acute shortage of qualified mental health professional 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 specialities viz. Psychiatry, Clinical Psychology, Psychiatric Social Work and Psychiatric Nursing. As on date, support has been provided for establishment of 23 Centres of Excellence and strengthening / establishment of 46 Post Graduate (PG) Departments in mental health specialities in the country.
