GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (Divyangjan) MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5094 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.03.2018

National Institute for Mental Health Rehabilitation

5094. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to set up rehabilitation centres meant solely for patients cured of mental illness and whose families are unwilling to take them back;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to set up a National Institute for Mental Health Rehabilitation (NMHR);
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the number of rehabilitation homes likely to be opened in the country, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the total fund required for this purpose and the facilities likely to be made available in these homes to patients with mental illness?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

- (a) & (b) No such proposal is currently under consideration of the Ministry. However, it is stated that relief for persons with disabilities is primarily a State subject by virtue of entry 9 of the State list of the Constitution of India. In pursuance of order of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 10/7/2017, in the matter of Gaurav Kumar Bansal Vs State of UP & Ors, guidelines have been issued by the Central Government on 18.08.2017 providing for standards for all the States/UTs for setting up of rehabilitation homes for mentally ill persons who have been cured of mental illness but are still lodged in various hospitals/nursing homes.
- (c) & (d) Yes, Sir. The Ministry has firmed up a proposal to establish the National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, and the same has been considered and recommended by the Expenditure Finance Committee.

The proposal does not envisage State/UT-wise setting up of rehabilitation homes.

(e) The proposal of setting up of National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation at Bhopal envisages requirement of Rs. 179.54 crore for 3 years as recommended by the Expenditure Finance Committee.