

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1931**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2018

**PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH OF WOMEN**

1931. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to implement schemes to improve the physical and mental health of women and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is likely to implement these schemes at the district level and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has made any special provision for the funding of these schemes, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
(DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR)

- (a) to (c): Public Health being a State subject, the primary responsibility to provide accessible, affordable and quality healthcare to its citizens lies with the State Governments. However, the Government of India is implementing various Health Schemes.

National Health Mission (NHM) is a flagship Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Department of Health & Family Welfare that is being implemented in various States of the country. Under NHM, technical and financial support is given to States/Union Territories (UTs) to strengthen their health care system so as to provide universal access to equitable, affordable and quality health care services.

As part of Ayushman Bharat, the Government is supporting States for strengthening Sub Centres and primary health centres as Health and Wellness Centres for provision of comprehensive primary care that includes preventive and promotive health at the community level with continuum of care approach.

Further, Government of India has identified 117, aspirational districts where special attention and focus is given for improving healthcare service.

Apart from the above, the Government of India is implementing the District Mental Health Programme (DMHP) under the National Mental Health programme (NMHP) in 517 districts of the country with the objectives to:

- i) Provide mental health services including prevention, promotion and longterm continuing care at different levels of district healthcare delivery system.
- ii) Augment institutional capacity in terms of infrastructure, equipment and human resource for mental healthcare.
- iii) Promote community awareness and participation in the delivery of mental healthcare services.
- iv) Broad-base mental health into other related programs.

District level activities under the National Mental Health Programme along with the National Programme for control of Blindness, National Tobacco Control Programme and National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke are a part of the Non-communicable Disease Flexible Pool under the National Health Mission.

\*\*\*\*\*