

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2784
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH DECEMBER, 2018**

NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMME

**2784. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:
HRI PRATHAP SIMHA:**

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

- (a) the funds allocated for Information, Education and Communication (IEC) under the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP);
- (b) the steps taken to spread awareness among masses about mental illness;
- (c) the list of Centres of Excellence established during the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (d) the steps taken to address the acute shortage of qualified mental health professionals in the country;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to implement a District Mental Health Programme (DMHP), if so, the details thereof, including major components and number of districts covered so far; and
- (f) whether the Government has reviewed the functioning of National Institute of Mental Health, if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (e): The Government of India is supporting for implementation of the District Mental Health Programme (DMHP) under the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP) in 517 districts of the country for detection, management and treatment of mental disorders/ illness. The objectives of DMHP are as under:

- (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.

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- (iv) Broad-base mental health into other related programs.

The Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities are an integral part of the NMHP to generate awareness among masses towards mental illness. During the year 2018-19 an amount of Rs. 5 Crore has been allocated for undertaking various Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities under the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP). Additionally, at the District level, funds upto Rs. 4 lakh per District are provided for various IEC activities such as awareness messages in local newspapers and radio, street plays, wall paintings, awareness generation activities in the community, schools, workplaces with community involvement, etc. under the District Mental Health Programme (DMHP).

To address the acute shortage of qualified mental health professionals in the country, the Government, under 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 25 Centres of Excellence and strengthening/ establishment of 47 Post Graduate (PG) Departments in mental health specialties in the country. The States/UT wise list of Institutions supported for establishment as Centres of Excellence under the National Mental Health Programme during the last three years is annexed.

The Government is also augmenting the availability of manpower to deliver mental healthcare services in the underserved areas of the country through a Digital Academy established at the three Central Mental Health Institutes to provide online training courses to various categories of general healthcare medical and para medical professionals.

(f): The working of National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bangalore is reviewed by the Institute Body and Governing Body of the Institute, Chaired by the Minister for Health and Family Welfare and Standing Finance Committee of the Institute, Chaired by Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. During the year 2017-18, one meeting each of the Institute Body and Governing Body and three meetings of the Standing Finance Committee were held to review the functioning of the Institute and consider proposals of the Institute for initiating various courses, construction activities and procurement of equipment etc. Besides, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare also regularly reviews the functioning of NIMHANS, Bangalore.

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ANNEXURE

**State/UT wise list of 14 Centres of Excellence supported for establishment under NMHP
during the last three years**

S.No.	State	Name of the Institute
1.	Telangana	Kakatiya Medical College, Warangal
2.	Punjab	Institute of Mental Health, Amritsar
3.	Madhya Pradesh	Gwalior Mansik Arogyashala, Gwalior
4.		MGM Medical College, Indore
5.	Goa	Institute of Psychiatry and Human Behaviour, Bambolim
6.	Karnataka	Dharwad Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences
7.	Delhi	Dr. RML Hospital, Delhi
8.	Himachal Pradesh	Dr. Rajendra Prasad Govt. Medical College, Kangra, Tanda
9.	Rajasthan	S.P. Medical College, Bikaner
10.		SMS Medical College, Jaipur
11.	Andhra Pradesh	Hospital for Mental Care, Vishakhapatnam
12.	West Bengal	Department of Psychiatry, Calcutta Medical College
13.	Uttar Pradesh	Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi
14.		King George Medical University, Lucknow