

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1279
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09TH FEBRUARY, 2024**

NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH SURVEY

1279. SHRI JASBIR SINGH GILL:

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

- (a) the details of the objectives and timeline of the National Mental Health Survey 2 (NMHS 2);
- (b) the differences between the scope and methodology of the National Mental Health Survey 2015-16 and NMHS 2; and
- (c) the details of the steps taken by the Government to improve the NMHS 2, as recommended by the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare in its 148th Report?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(PROF. S. P. SINGH BAGHEL)**

- (a) The Objectives of the National Mental Health Survey 2 (NMHS 2) are as follows:
 - i. Generate burden estimates for State / UT and pooled national estimates of priority mental health problems in a representative population,
 - ii. Identify the disability, socio-economic impact including individual and family burden of illness, pathways to care and service utilisation pattern,
 - iii. Characterize mental disorders / illness with respect to vulnerable and / or special populations including assessing impact of Covid-19.
 - iv. Conduct Health System Assessment and Resource mapping for Mental Health Care.

- (b) and (c): The scope and methodology undertaken to improve the National Mental Health Survey 2, which is in consonance of the recommendations of the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare in its 148th Report, includes the following:

- i. Coverage of NMHS 2 is all States (28) and UTs (8) while NMHS-I covered 12 states, i.e. Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Assam and Manipur.
- ii. NMHS 2 covers the age group of adolescents (13 to 17 years) and all adults of age 18 and above across all states, while NMHS-I covered adolescents across 4 states.
- iii. Focus of NMHS 2 enquiry has been expanded to Public Health priority on mental illness conditions including thematic studies related to vulnerable populations such as children and women's mental health, geriatric mental health, migration, climate change, mental health amongst tribal population and mental health care during disasters.
