

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 856  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 07th FEBRUARY, 2025**

**ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE**

**856. DR. MALLU RAVI:**

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

- (a) Whether the Government has assessed the implications of recent advancements in Alzheimer's research for India's healthcare policies;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) the current strategies put in place to improve early detection, diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's Disease in the country, and
- (d) the details of the collaboration efforts between research institutions, healthcare providers and the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to address the growing burden of neurodegenerative disorders?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) to (d) As reported by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), ICMR had commissioned a multidisciplinary project with team of researchers from various fields including neurologists, psychologists, and speech-language pathologists to develop a culturally, educationally and linguistically relevant neurocognitive toolbox. This toolbox was developed in collaboration with research teams from National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), Bangalore, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram, Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad, Manipal Hospitals, Bengaluru, Apollo Gleneagles Hospital, Kolkata.

ICMR's Neurocognitive Toolbox is a unique tool box including various cognitive tests to assess different domains of cognition such as attention and executive function, memory, language, and visuospatial functions. The questionnaires assess depression, functionality, quality of life, prevalence of neuropsychiatric symptoms and informant questionnaire on cognitive decline in elderly.

At Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, under the Comprehensive Primary Health Care (C-PHC) component, the Mental, Neurological and Substance Use (MNS) package has provisions for screening, diagnosis and management of Alzheimer's disease/Dementia. Department Psychiatry and Neurology, National Centre of Ageing (NCA) and Regional Geriatric Centre's (RGCs) are providing services for patients with Alzheimer's disease/Dementia at medical colleges/institutions.

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