

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4451
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH AUGUST, 2016**

ALZHEIMER AND DEMENTIA DISEASES

**4451. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:
SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:**

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

- (a) whether the number of people suffering from alzheimer, dementia and related elderly diseases is on the rise in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is implementing any scheme/programme to address the health related problems of elderly people including those suffering from aforesaid diseases and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has set up research institutes for the said diseases at district hospitals under the National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly (NPHCE) and if so, the details thereof, funds allocated/released/utilized for National Mental Health Programme (NMHP) and NPHCE during the last three years?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The data regarding number of persons suffering from Alzheimer, Dementia and related elderly diseases is not maintained centrally. However, as per Dementia India Report 2010 brought out by Alzheimer's and Related Disorders Society of India (ARDSI), in India there were over 3.7 million persons estimated with dementia (2.1 million women and 1.5 million men). A major proportion of these patients suffer from Alzheimer disease.

(c) & (d): With the objective to address the health related problems of the elderly people, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare had launched the National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly (NPHCE) during 2010-11 with a view to provide separate and specialized comprehensive health care to the senior citizens at various levels of state health care delivery system including outreach services.

A total no. of 227 districts have been approved for implementation of NPHCE upto the financial year 2015-16. In addition to this, 15 out of 20 identified Medical Institutions have been funded for development of Regional Geriatric Centres (RGCs) under tertiary care activities of the programme. Besides, 02 National Centres of Ageing (NCAs), within the premises of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi and Madras Medical College (MMC), Chennai, have been approved to be set-up during the remaining period of 12th Five year Plan. The details of the fund released to States/UTs under NPHCE and National Mental Health Programme (NMHP) are at **Annexure**.

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Annexure

Details of Release and Expenditure of funds during the last three years under National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly (NPHCE)

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Released	Expenditure
2013-14	115.91	2399.93#
2014-15	2295.22	2155.79#
2015-16*	37900	1089.46#

Expenditure incurred from release of current financial year and unspent balance of previous financial years.

* The funds for National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly is a part of the NCD Flexible Pool under the National Health Mission for which total allocation for 2015-16 was Rs. 554.50 crores.

Details of funds allocated and released during the last three years under National Mental Health Programme (NMHP)

(Rs. in Crores)

Year	Allocation	Expenditure
2013-14	130	74.34
2014-15	268.28	61.56
2015-16 ^{\$}	^{\$}	35 [@]

^{\$} District level activities under the National Mental Health Programme along with the National Programme for Healthcare of the Elderly, 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 NCD Flexible Pool under the National Health Mission for which total allocation for 2015-16 was Rs. 554.50 crores. Funds for implementation for the district level activities under NMHP from the year 2015-16 onwards are being released as part of the funds for NCD Flexible Pool.

Separately, a budget provision of Rs. 35 crores has been made for implementation of tertiary level activities under the National Mental Health Programme in the year 2015-16.

@ Expenditure made on various tertiary level activities under the NMHP

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