

Government of India
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan)
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Rajya Sabha

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Rehabilitation of deserted mental illness patients

3964. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any project to rehabilitate those who recovered from mental disease but not taken back by the relatives;
- (b) the number of persons retained in the mental hospital or sanatorium after fully recovered from disease; and
- (c) whether there exists law to prosecute the legal heirs for not receiving back the persons recovered and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

- (a) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has informed that there is no programme or scheme under the National Mental Health Programme for rehabilitation of those who have recovered from mental disease but have not been taken back by the relatives.
- (b) The data regarding number of persons retained in the mental hospital or sanatorium after full recovery from disease is not maintained centrally.
- (c) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has informed that there is no provision under the Mental Health Act, 1987 to prosecute the legal heirs for not receiving back the persons recovered.
