

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 18.03.2002
ANSWERED ON
MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMME .

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE, AGRICULTURE, OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether Government are contemplating to extend the Mental Health Programme to rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of amount proposed to be allocated therefor during Tenth Five Year Plan, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 206 FOR 18.3.2002

The aim of the District Mental Health Programme launched in 1996-97 under the National Mental Health Programme, is to identify persons suffering from various mental disorders and epilepsy and manage them at the primary health care centres and district level by trained doctors and with the active support of the families and the community in which the patient lives. Thus, the Programme is basically focused to rural areas. The District Mental Health Programme is presently being implemented in 25 districts covering 20 States and Union Territories in the country. In addition, four districts, one each in Tripura and Sikkim and two in Gujarat have been added during 2001-02. It is envisaged to extend the District Mental Health Programme to cover 100 districts, and to upgrade the facilities in 37 mental hospitals in the public sector and psychiatric wings of 75 medical colleges and general hospitals, during the Tenth Five Year Plan Period. Financial outlay for the National Mental Health Programme during the Tenth Five Year Plan Period is yet to be earmarked. Therefore, State-wise allocation cannot be indicated at present.