

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
MAN POWER SHORTAGE IN MENTAL HEALTHCARE SECTOR .

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a man-power shortage in the mental healthcare sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has made any special fund allocation for this purpose;
- (d) whether Government has made any proposal for increasing the PG posts for man-power development in mental health training centres;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken for the development of mental healthcare institutes?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE

(SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

(a) & (b) : Yes. As against an estimated requirement of 11500 Psychiatrists, 17250 Clinical Psychologists, 23000 Psychiatric Social Workers & 3000 Psychiatric Nurses, approximately 3000 Psychiatrists, 500 Clinical Psychologists, 400 Psychiatric Social Workers and 900 Psychiatric Nurses are available.

(c) A Manpower Development Scheme under the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP) have been approved by the Government with a total budget outlay of Rs. 408.011 crores for the 11th Five Year Plan.

(d) to (f): To provide an impetus for development of Manpower in Mental Health, Govt. Medical Colleges, Govt. General Hospitals/ State run Mental Health Institutes are being supported for starting PG courses or increasing the intake capacity for PG training in Mental Health with support upto Rs.51 lakh to Rs. 1 crore per PG Department. The support includes physical work for establishing/ improving department in specialties of mental health (Psychiatry, Clinical Psychology, Psychiatric Social Work and Psychiatric Nursing), equipments, tools and basic infrastructure (hostel, library, department etc.), support for engaging faculty etc.