

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 11.03.2005
ANSWERED ON
ALLOCATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH .

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PROF M.M. AGARWAL

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

- (a) whether Government are aware of the fact that nearly two crore people in the country are suffering from mental diseases;
- (b) if so, the number of such persons in the country, State-wise;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that merely 0.1 per cent budget allocation are provided for mental health out of total budget allocations for public health by Government; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 156 FOR 11TH MARCH, 2005

It is estimated that about 5% of the population suffers from various psychological disorders such as depression, neurotic, stress related and adjustment disorders. About 1% of the population suffers from a serious mental disorder such as psychotic disorders and 0.5% of the population may be in need of active treatment for a serious mental disorder. However, data relating to the number of persons suffering from mental illness, state-wise is not centrally maintained. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments in promoting mental health care. Out of a total outlay of Rs.9253 crores for Central Sector Health Programmes during the Tenth Five Year Plan, an amount of Rs.139 crores has been allocated towards National Mental Health Programme, which is about 1.5% of the total allocation. Further, an amount of Rs.120 crores and Rs.50 crores have been earmarked for National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences, Bangalore and Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi, respectively, for the Tenth Plan period towards mental health care. This amount is in addition to Non-Plan funds released to these institutions. Efforts of the Government now are to diagnose the mentally ill patients at the early stage and treat them through the general health care delivery system. Adequate medical facilities are available to treat the mentally ill patients. In order to provide increased access and better quality of mental health care, the Government's National Mental Health Programme during the Tenth Five Year Plan envisages to expand District Mental Health Programme to cover 100 districts in the country, strengthen the 37 Government mental health institutes and also psychiatric wings of 75 medical colleges, undertake IEC activities and research and training. The allocated funds towards mental health care are considered adequate to meeting the present needs.