

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 12.12.2008
ANSWERED ON
CHILD MENTAL HEALTHCARE .

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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERSEXTERNAL AFFAIRSHEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether the Planning Commission has agreed to accord priority to child mental healthcare;
- (b) whether in the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-2012) document, the Commission has pointed out that there is currently no budgetary allocation for child and adolescent mental healthcare;
- (c) if so, what is the total amount of funds the Planning Commission has agreed to provide to the States during the next year for this purpose; and
- (d) to what extent it will be helpful in meeting the child mental healthcare?

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. 170 FOR 12TH DECEMBER, 2008

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The Planning Commission has agreed to accord priority to child mental healthcare in the 11th Five Year Plan. Allocation for National Mental Health Programme (NMHP) in the 11th Five Year Plan is Rs.1000 crore. There is no State-wise allocation of funds under NMHP. Funds under various components of the Programme are released to the State Governments as per the approved pattern of assistance based upon the proposals received from them.

The Government has proposed to restructure NMHP during the 11th Five Year Plan to extend District Mental Health Programme (DMHP) to more districts in the country which will, inter alia, address the basic issues and services related to child and adolescent mental healthcare. These include life skills training in schools, counselling services in schools and colleges, early detection and treatment of child and adolescent mental health problems. In addition, mental health problems of out of school children and adolescents are proposed to be addressed in collaboration with NGOs/public private partnership.