

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 23.03.2001
ANSWERED ON
DISABILITY AND MENTAL HEALTH .

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SHRI NANA DESHMUKH

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

(a) whether WHO has decided to observe year 2001 as year of Mental Health, in view of the dramatic increase in mental disorders and it being a crises of the 21st century;

(b) whether, according to WHO reports, five out of ten leading causes of disability are mental health problems;

(c) if so, what are the prospective figures of disability in India; and

(d) what steps are being taken to avail the benefit of WHO schemes?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) Yes, Sir. As per Report No.393 of the National Sample Survey Organisation, the incidence rate of disability per 100,000 persons are:

	Rural	Urban		
Physical Disability	90	83		
Visual	23	20		
Hearing	15	12		
Speech	5	5		
Locomotor	53	52		

(d) All WHO schemes under Mental Health are being availed by the Government.
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