

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 21.12.1995**  
**ANSWERED ON**

**AMOUNT RELEASED BY WHO FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMME .**

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SHRI PARAG CHALIHA

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

- (a) The amount so far released by World Health Organisation for Mental Health Programme in the country and how much out of that was earmarked for Assam and other States in the North East;
- (b) Whether the whole amount was utilised by Assam and other States in the North-East, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) The impact of the Mental Health Programme of 1982 in the States mentioned above; and
- (d) Whether Government of India have a proposal to upgrade Lokpriya Gopinath Bardoloi Institute of Mental Health at Tezpur a fullfledged Institute like NIMHANS at Bangalore and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. R. ANTULAY) :

- (a) And (b) There is no separate Mental Health Programme being supported by World Health Organisation during 1994-95.
- (b) The State of Maghalaya, Tripura and Assam in the North-East are reported to have established the Mental Health Authority in pursuance of the State Mental Rules, 1990, under the Mental Health Act.
- (c) No, Sir. However, financial support has been extended by the Central Government in compliance with Supreme Court's directions.