

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
TREATMENT FOR DEPRESSION AND OTHER MENTAL ILLNESS .

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

- (a) whether suicide is the largest cause of the deaths among 15-35 years old; and
- (b) what are the steps taken to detect and treat depression and other mental illness which is one of the major causes of suicide?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) As per latest report of National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), the largest cause of death among 15-29 years and 30-44 years is accidental death.

(b) As per latest report of NCRB 7% of suicides in India are attributable to Mental Illness. The largest cause of suicide being Family Problems (23.8 %).

To detect and treat Depression and other Mental Illness Government Mental Hospitals, Psychiatry Wings of Medical Colleges/ General Hospitals are run by the State Governments and Government of India. Licenses are also issued to Private Mental Hospitals/ Psychiatric Nursing Homes by the concerned licensing authorities of the State Governments to provide mental health services.

Government of India is implementing National Mental Health Programme with the objectives of augmenting the mental health care capacity of the States/UTs detect and treat depression and other mental illness.