

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2602
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH AUGUST, 2016**

INCREASING ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR ALL

2602. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN:

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

- (a) the number of mental healthcare institutions set up through Government support in the country, State-wise since 2013;
- (b) the efforts taken by Government to increase access to mental health support for all especially economically weaker sections, through Central or State efforts; and
- (c) whether Government is undertaking any steps to increase public awareness and understanding of mental health issues and of resources available, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a): Health being a State subject, setting up of Mental Healthcare Institutions is the responsibility of the respective State Governments, and therefore, no such information is maintained centrally. However, Central Government provides financial support to State mental health institutes under different components of National Mental Health Programme (NMHP).

(b)&(c): The Government has taken various steps for improved access to mental healthcare. In this regard, the Government of India is implementing the NMHP and District Mental Health Programme (DMHP). Mental Health Institutes are providing services for mental health, training for manpower development, research and support, etc. under the National Mental Health Programme. For improving the coverage and accessibility of Mental Healthcare, District level activities under National Health Mission have been supported in 241 districts in all States/UTs. Mental Health Policy has been launched on 10th October, 2014 with a vision to promote mental health, prevent mental illness, enable recovery from mental illness, promote de-stigmatization and facilitate socio-economic inclusion of persons affected by mental illness by providing accessible, affordable and quality health and social care to all persons with mental illness.