

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2644
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST DECEMBER, 2021**

VACANCIES OF MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

2644. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE:

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

- (a) whether the provisions of Mental Health Act, 2017 to appoint mental health professionals has been implemented in all primary, secondary and tertiary health care centres;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the average amount budgeted and spent to provide mental healthcare facilities in rural areas in various States; and
- (d) the average number of people who availed mental health facilities from Government health centres since the introduction of the Act in different States?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) & (b): The Mental Healthcare Act, 2017 provides for integration of mental health services into general healthcare services at all levels of healthcare including primary, secondary and tertiary healthcare and in all health programmes run by the appropriate Government. As such, the mental healthcare services are extended through various levels of healthcare delivery systems, e.g. Department of Psychiatry has been set up in each of the newly established All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and similar provision has been made in the upcoming new AIIMS. Similarly, many other Central as well as State Government hospitals also have Psychiatry Departments.

In addition, the Department of Health and Family Welfare is implementing the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP). Under NMHP, as part of National Health Mission (NHM), technical and financial support is provided to the States/UTs, based on the proposals received from them, for implementation of the District Mental Health Programme (DMHP). Facilities made available under DMHP at the Community Health Centre and Primary Health Centre levels,

include outpatient services, assessment, counselling/ psycho-social interventions, continuing care and support to persons with severe mental disorders, drugs, outreach services, ambulance services, etc. In addition to the above services, there is a provision of 10 bedded in-patient facility at the District level. The service delivery for mental healthcare through DMHP is aligned with the provisions of the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017.

(c): For providing affordable and accessible mental healthcare facilities to the population, both in the rural as well as urban areas, the Government is supporting implementation of DMHP in 692 districts of the country. Under DMHP, financial assistance upto Rs. 83.20 lakhs is provided to each district supported under the programme. During the year 2020-21, a total of Rs. 84.13 Crores have been approved for States/UTs under DMHP.

(d): The Mental Healthcare Act, 2017 along with the Rules framed thereunder came into force w.e.f. 29/05/2018. The data regarding the number of people who availed mental health facilities from Government health centres since the introduction of the Act is not maintained centrally. However, number of patients seeking treatment in Out-patient and In-patients Departments of the three Central Mental Health Institutions, viz. National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru, Central Institute of Psychiatry (CIP), Ranchi and Lokopriya Gopinath Bordoloi Regional Institute of Mental Health (LGBRIMH), Tezpur during the period from 2018 to 2021 is as under:

S.No.	Institute	OPD data			IPD data		
		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
1.	NIMHANS	194287	189539	88036	19038	19490	10406
2.	LGBRIMH	128897	125564	59573	1257	1855	1016
3.	CIP	92901	98789	58601	4018	4892	2203
