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MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
RAJYA SABHA
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SHRI NANA DESHMUKH

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

(a) the names of the States which have at least one mental hospital to cater to the needs of mentally challenged persons in the State;

(b) the number of States which do not have such a hospital; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to set-up at least one mental health hospital in those States?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) States which have at least one Government-run mental hospital to cater to the needs of mentally challenged persons are: Andhra Pradesh, Assam, NCT of Delhi, Goa, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. Remaining States have not set up any mental health hospital so far.

(c) The present policy of the Government is to strengthen the infrastructural facilities and services in the existing mental hospital/ institutions in order to maximize the benefits to the mentally ill persons, rather than create new infrastructure, at this stage. At present there are no. of Mental Health Care institutions in the Public Sector which includes Central Government institutes like NIMHANS, Bangalore and CIP, Ranchi. The aim of the Government is to undertake early detection of the cases of mental disorder and treat them at the community level. Towards this aim, District Mental Health Programme has already been initiated under the National Mental Health Programme and is presently being implemented in 25 districts covering 20 States and Union Territories in the Country.