

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 23.03.2001
ANSWERED ON
AMENDMENTS TO THE MENTAL HEALTH ACT .

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SHRI R.S. GAVAI

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

- (a) whether Government propose to amend the Mental Health Act to provide fundamental rights to the persons suffering from mental disease;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government have received demand in this regard from NGOs and leading psychiatrist of the country; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (d) No, Sir. Adequate provisions exist under The Mental Health Act, 1987 which came into effect from 1st April, 1993 to safe guard the fundamental rights to the persons suffering from mental illness.