

Mental Health Programme

‡4259. SHRI BRIJLAL KHABRI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has formulated a plan under mental health programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that there is a huge shortage of psychiatrists in the country; and
- (d) if so, by when this shortage would be met?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Plan for the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP) during the 11th Five Year Plan period includes the following:

- Manpower Development:
 - (a) Centers of Excellence in Mental Health
 - (b) Scheme for PG Departments in Mental Health Specialties
- Spill over activities of the 10th Plan (upgradation of psychiatric wings of Government Medical Colleges/ General Hospitals, and Modernization of Government Mental Hospitals), as per existing norms.
- Continuation of existing District Mental Health Programmes (DMHPs).
- Awareness generation, research & training and Monitoring & Evaluation.

In addition, support will also be provided to State & Central Mental Health Authorities.

(c) and (d) Yes. There is an acute shortage of Psychiatrists in the country. To increase the number of psychiatrists in the country Government is implementing Manpower Development schemes under NMHP through which an additional number of 104 psychiatrists will be added to the workforce, annually.

HIV infected persons in Tamil Nadu

4260. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of HIV infected persons in Tamil Nadu as on 1 January, 2005, 1 January, 2007 and 1 January, 2010, male and female-wise;

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