

Deteriorating conditions at Dhanvantari nursery

†2041. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that medicinal plants at Dhanvantari nursery raised by National Ayurveda Institute, Jaipur have shriveled up;
- (b) if so, whether Government is working on an effective plan to save medicinal plants; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur has one Herbal Garden named "Dhanvantari Upavan" having 700 medicinal and aromatic plants/trees. Some deciduous plants in Upavan look dry due to natural shading of leaves during spring season.

The plants are watered regularly by supply of water through tankers as no water could be found in the two tube wells dug through Central Public Works Department (CPWD) in the Herbal Garden.

Treatment for depression and other mental illness

2042. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether suicide is the largest cause of the deaths among 15-35 years old; and
- (b) what are the steps taken to detect and treat depression and other mental illness which is one of the major causes of suicide?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) As per latest report of National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), the largest cause of death among 15-29 years and 30-44 years is accidental death.

(b) As per latest report of NCRB 7% of suicides in India are attributable to Mental Illness. The largest cause of suicide being Family Problems (23.8 %).

To detect and treat Depression and other Mental Illness Government Mental Hospitals, Psychiatry Wings of Medical Colleges/General Hospitals are run by the State Governments and Government of India. Licenses are also issued to Private Mental Hospitals/Psychiatric Nursing Homes by the concerned licensing authorities of the State Governments to provide mental health services.

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