

Cancer hospital in Rajasthan

†1719. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cancer patients in the country at present;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the number of cancer patients is increasing every year;
- (c) if so, whether Government proposes to open separate cancer hospital in Rajasthan;
- (d) if so, by when; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. GANDHISELVAN): (a) As per information collected by Population Based Cancer Registry functioning under the National Cancer Registry Programme of the Indian Council of Medical Research, it has been estimated that at any given point of time, there are 27 lakh cancer patients in the country.

(b) According to the report of National Cancer Registry Programme, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) on "Time Trends in Cancer Incidence Rates (1982-2005)", the number of cancer patients is growing over the years at an average of approximately 1.2% per year.

(c) to (e) No. The Government has already recognized S.P. Medical College, Bikaner as Regional Cancer Centre under the National Cancer Control Programme for carrying out research activity and providing cost effective comprehensive cancer care to the poor and needy cancer patients.

Man-power shortage in mental healthcare sector

1720. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a man-power shortage in the mental healthcare sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;

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- (c) whether Government has made any special fund allocation for this purpose;
- (d) whether Government has made any proposal for increasing the PG posts for manpower development in mental health training centres;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken for the development of mental healthcare institutes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) and (b) Yes. As against an estimated requirement of 11500 Psychiatrists, 17250 Clinical Psychologists, 23000 Psychiatric Social Workers and 3000 Psychiatric Nurses, approximately 3000 Psychiatrists, 500 Clinical Psychologists, 400 Psychiatric Social Workers and 900 Psychiatric Nurses are available.

(c) Manpower Development Scheme under the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP) have been approved by the Government with a total budget outlay of Rs. 408.011 crores for the 11th Five Year Plan.

(d) to (f) To provide an impetus for development of Manpower in Mental Health, Government Medical Colleges, Government General Hospitals/ State run Mental Health Institutes are being supported for starting PG courses or increasing the intake capacity for PG training in Mental Health with support upto Rs.51 lakh to Rs. 1 crore per PG Department. The support includes physical work for establishing/ improving department in specialities and of mental health (Psychiatry, Clinical Psychology, Psychiatric Social Work and Psychiatric Nursing), equipments, tools and basic infrastructure (hostel, library, department etc.), support for engaging faculty etc.

Prevention of multipurpose prescriptions by doctors and CGHS dispensaries

1721. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether because of the non-computerisation of CGHS Dispensary at Ghaziabad, a Pilot Project of the CGHS could not be had by the said Dispensary;
- (b) whether computerisation prevents purchase of one and the same medicine through multiple prescriptions for one patient only, as a result of nexus between staff and unwanted elements;