

**Robotic cardiothoracic surgery facility for CGHS beneficiaries**

5037. SHRI BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a state-of-the-art robotic cardiothoracic surgery i.e. a minimally invasive procedure for treatment of serious heart ailment is available in leading hospitals in Delhi;

(b) whether this procedure is safe and requires minimum period of hospitalisation;

(c) whether it is permissible for the beneficiaries of CGHS/ECHS to avail the facility;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government is considering to provide this facility of treatment to the beneficiaries in near future?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (e) Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) empanel private hospitals for specific specialties and not for any particular procedure. CGHS does not maintain information regarding availability of a particular procedure in a particular hospital. CGHS package rates are fixed for common treatment procedures undertaken in hospitals. Whenever a request for treatment under a new procedure is received, the same is examined by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on a case to case basis in consultation with experts in the field, regarding justification, safety and other issues pertaining to the procedure. So far as Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) is concerned, it follows the CGHS rates.

**Grim situation of mental healthcare system in country**

5038. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's mental healthcare system is in a shamble, and there is an urgent need to innovative this to effect improvement therein;

(b) if so, the gravity of this menace, especially in the rural sector;

(c) whether there is a huge shortage of doctors, dispensaries, social workers, and village clinics in the country to address this grim issue; and

(d) if so, the action plan of Government to address this issue on a war footing?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) "Health" is a State subject. The Central Government on its part is implementing the National Mental Health Programme with an objective to provide sustainable and easily available mental health care to mentally ill persons. However, there is considerable room for reform and improvement in the mental health services.

(c) There is a huge shortage in the present requirement of mental health professionals like Psychiatrists, Clinical Psychiatric Social Workers and Psychiatric Nurses *vis-a-vis* the requirement.

(d) To address the huge burden of mental disorders, Government of India is implementing the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP) since 1982. A total of 123 districts in 30 States/UTs have been covered under the District Mental Health Programme (DMHP). Under the 11th Five year Plan, the NMHP has been restructured to include the following components:

1. Manpower Development Scheme:
  - (i) Establishment of Centres of Excellence
  - (ii) Scheme for establishment of PG Departments in Mental Health Specialties.
2. District Mental Health Programme with added components of Life Skills Education and Counseling in Schools and Colleges, suicide prevention services etc.
3. Up-gradation of Psychiatric Wings of Government Medical College.
4. Modernization of Government Mental Hospitals.

Further, there are 3 Centrally run mental health institutes, 40 State run mental hospitals and 335 Departments of Psychiatry in various medical colleges (154 in Government and 181 in private) across the country equipped to treat patients suffering from mental illness.

#### **Doctors response to patients at safdarjang hospital**

5039. PROF. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether patients are not being offered due and considered opinion/treatment by the doctors in Safdarjang Hospital;

(b) if so, the details of steps taken to ensure that the patients receive due and considered treatment;