

(c) The Budget for ICMR's NIRT, Chennai is given as intramural budget under "plan" is ₹ 500 lakhs and under "nonplan" is ₹ 3832.00 Lakhs for the year 2016-17. For Extramural projects for the Division of Communicable Diseases at ICMR headquarters, the budget is ₹ 1250 lakhs for the year 2016-17.

Allocation for the Revised National TB Control Programme implementation, including research, is part of National Health Mission communicable disease flexipool. Funds are allocated after evaluating the programme implementation plan. Sufficient funds have been provided to the State Governments for activities in their programme implementation plan. Funds are released as a lump sum amount to the states. Budgetary allocation under RNTCP for financial year 2016-17 is 64000 lakhs.

(d) Several new TB vaccines and anti-TB diagnosis kits are in advanced stages of evaluation.

Patients with mental illness

972. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in many parts of the country, the number of patients suffering from mental illness is increasing continuously;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to take any concrete steps to stop this; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI ANUPRIYA PATEL): (a) In 2005, the National Commission on Macroeconomics and Health reported that 10-20 million (1-2% of population) suffered from severe mental disorders such as schizophrenia and bipolar disorder and nearly 50 million (5% of population) from common mental disorders such as depression and anxiety, yielding an overall estimate of 6.5 per cent of the population.

(b) and (c) To address the burden of mental disorders, the Government of India is implementing the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP) and the District Mental Health Programme (DMHP). Funds have been released for 241 districts in the country under the DMHP for detection, management and treatment of mental disorders/ illness. With the objective to address the shortage of mental health professionals in the country, 15 Centers of Excellence in Mental Health and 35 PG training departments in mental health specialties to increase the PG training capacity in mental health as well as improving the tertiary care treatment facility have been funded. Besides, three Central Institutions viz. National Institute of Mental Health And Neuro Sciences, Bangalore, Lokopriya Gopinath

Bordoloi Regional Institute of Mental Health, Tezpur and Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi have been strengthened for augmenting the human resources in the area of mental health and for capacity building in the country. During the 12th Five Year Plan, the DMHP has been restructured to include additional components like suicide prevention services, work place stress management, life skills training and counseling in schools and colleges. Support is also provided for Central/ State Mental Health Authorities, Research and Training and Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities.

Impact of sustained radiation exposure on asthmatics

973. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL:

SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that people working in a closed office environment where there are many computers are at risk of sustained radiation exposure, which can cause several ailments including asthma;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to come out with any remedial measures to prevent asthma for the people working in such environment; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that there are more than 15-20 million asthmatics in India and that upto 15 per cent of children have asthma and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI ANUPRIYA PATEL): (a) and (b) As informed by the National Institute of Tuberculosis and Respiratory Diseases (NITRD), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, radiation emanating from computers causing several ailments is not substantiated. NITRD has further informed that there are no evidence based studies in this regard.

(c) As reported by Indian Council of Medical Research, the national burden of asthma in India is estimated at 17.23 million as per the study carried out.

As per WHO report, rough estimates indicate prevalence of asthma between 10% and 15% in 5 to 11 year old children in India.

Corruption in MCI

†974. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is contemplating constituting a new organisation by dismantling the Medical Council of India (MCI) to meet the shortage of doctors and to bring reforms in the field of medical education; if so, the details thereof;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.