

(b) the activities undertaken under IEC for the awareness for mental health care; and

(c) whether Government has mandated schools to have a mental health care counsellor to conduct periodical counselling for students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI ANUPRIYA PATEL): (a) and (b) The Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities are an integral part of the NMHP to generate awareness among masses towards mental illness. During the year 2017-18 an amount of ₹ 75 lakhs has been allocated for various Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities under the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP). At the District level, funds upto ₹ 4 lakh are provided to each District under the District Mental Health Programme (DMHP) under the Non-communicable Diseases Flexible-pool of National Health Mission for IEC and awareness generation activities in the community, schools, workplaces with community involvement Under the DMHP various IEC activities such as awareness messages in local newspapers and radio, street plays, wall paintings etc. are undertaken by the States/UTs.

(c) The Government has not mandated colleges /schools and educational institutions to provide Psychological Counsellors. However, to address the burden of mental disorders, the Government of India is implementing the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP) since 1982. The Government is supporting implementation of the DMHP under NMHP in 517 districts of the country for detection, management and treatment of mental disorders/illness, the services include additional components like suicide prevention services, work place stress management, life skills training, counselling in schools and colleges and IEC activities for generation of awareness and removal of stigma associated with Mental Illness.

Remuneration given to ASHA workers

1690. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many ASHA workers are currently employed in the country;

(b) the remuneration given to the ASHA workers; and

(c) how much funds have been allocated by Government for activities done by ASHA workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) As per reports received from States/ UTs, there are 10,23,747 ASHA under National Health Mission in the country.

(b) In line with their role as honorary volunteers under the Mission, ASHAs do not receive any fixed remuneration. They receive only task/activity based incentives.

(c) Under National Health Mission for the FY 2017-18, Rs 3,49,999.59 Lakhs & Rs 69,922.98 Lakhs have been approved for ASHA incentives & ASHA Component respectively.

ICMR study on deaths through Aanganwadi and Aasha Bahu workers

1691. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) to study and find out exact cause of death in each case through Aanganwadi and Aasha Bahu workers;

(b) if so, the details of scheme and mode of implementation: and

(c) the time by when it shall be implemented country-wide?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI ANUPRIYA PATEL): (a) No.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

High number of TB cases

1692. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India continues to have the highest number of Tuberculosis (TB) cases in the world;

(b) if so, number of Tuberculosis (TB) and Multidrug-Resistant (MDR) TB patients in the country, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to eliminate Tuberculosis and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) Yes. India being a large, populous