

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.121
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND FEBRUARY, 2021**

MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN INDIA

121 SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM:

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

- (a) the total number of registered mental health professionals in the country including psychiatrists working in Government and private sectors, sector-wise
- (b) the total number of clinical psychologists in the country in details, Government and private, State-wise
- (c) the manner in which Government proposes to augment the strength of mental health professionals
- (d) the number of additional seats for degree in psychiatry that have been added since the Mental Health Care Act, 2017 came into force and
- (e) the number of additional seats for a degree in clinical psychology added since the Mental Health care Act, 2017 came into force?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

- (a): The data regarding the number of registered mental health professionals in the country including psychiatrists working in Government and private sectors is not maintained centrally.
- (b): The data regarding the number of clinical psychologists in the country is not maintained centrally.
- (c): With a view to augment the availability of qualified manpower in field of mental health, the Government, under the National Mental Health Programme (NMHP), is implementing manpower development schemes for establishment of Centres of Excellence and strengthening/ establishment of Post Graduate (PG) Departments in mental health specialties. Till date, support has been provided for establishment of 25 Centres of Excellence and strengthening/ establishment of 47 Post Graduate (PG) Departments in four mental health specialties viz. (i) Psychiatry, (ii) Clinical Psychology, (iii) Psychiatric Nursing , and (iv) Psychiatric Social Work, in the country.

The Government is also augmenting the availability of manpower to deliver mental healthcare services in the underserved areas of the country by providing online training courses to various categories of general healthcare medical and para medical professionals through the Digital Academies established at the three Central Mental Health Institutes namely National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences, Bengaluru, Lokopriya Gopinath Bordoloi Regional Institute of Mental Health, Tezpur, Assam, and Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi.

(d): The data regarding the number of additional seats for degree in psychiatry that have been added since the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017 came into force is not maintained centrally.

(e): The data regarding the number of additional seats for a degree in clinical psychology that have been added since the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017 came into force is not maintained centrally.