

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2192
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ASSISTANCE UNDER NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMME
Pateriya Smt. Neeta

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from Madhya Pradesh regarding central assistance for upgradation of Department of Psychiatry at Bhopal, Gwalior, Indore, Jabalpur and Riwa Medical Colleges under the National Mental Health Programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the delay in this regard; and
- (c) the time by which approval is likely to be given?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c): The Government had received proposals for modernization of mental hospitals at Indore and Gwalior and strengthening of Psychiatric Wards in medical colleges at Indore, Gwalior, Bhopal, Jabalpur and Rewa. After considering the recommendations of the Steering Committee and appraisal of the proposals, the Government has approved strengthening of mental hospitals at Gwalior (in the year 2005-06) and Indore (2006-07), and upgradation of the Psychiatric Wards of Medical Colleges at Jabalpur (2005-06) and Indore(2006-07).

The central assistance to Medical Colleges at Bhopal, Gwalior and Rewa could not be released due to non-filling up of faculty posts in the Department of Psychiatry by the State Government, review of costs of construction/equipment etc.