

Leprosy Eradication

1703. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL :
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether eradication of leprosy
programme has been launched in July, 1994;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the target for the eradication of
leprosy from the country during 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a) and (b)
The Government of India launched National
Leprosy Eradication Programme in 1982-
83 with the objective to eliminate the dis-
ease by 2000 A.D. It is a 100% Centrally
Sponsored Programme.

(c) Targets for 1994-95 are as under :-

	<i>Targets</i>
Case detection	2,24,900
Case treatment	2,24,900
Case discharge	4,24,700

Semen Banks

1704. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY :
Will the Minister of HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether semen banks have been
established in metropolitan cities during
recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any permission/licence is
required from the Union or State
Governments for establishing semen banks;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any rules/norms have been
framed for regulating the functioning of these
banks;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether special Committee consti-
tuted by his Ministry for going into various
aspects of semen banks in Delhi and other
places has laid some guidelines for
collection and preservation of samples of
semen with a view to prevent transmission
of AIDS/HIV positive through unchecked/
unlisted semen during artificial insemina-
tion; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a) and (b)
No semen bank have been set up by the
Central Government.

(c) to (f) Semen banks are not covered
under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

(g) and (h) The Government of India
have not constituted any Committee for the
purpose.

[Translation]

Promotion of HINDI

1705. DR. AMRIT LAL KALIDAS
PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state: