

Proposal to help Tamil Nadu for Leprosy and T.B. Relief Programme

7291. SHRI C. CHINNASWAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to help Tamil Nadu for leprosy and T.B. relief programme; and

(b) if so, the concrete assistance proposed by the Central Government for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) Yes.

(b) The assistance to be provided to Tamil Nadu by the Central Government during the year 1980-81, under the 50 : 50 sharing arrangement between the Centre and the States for these Programmes, is as follows:

National Leprosy Control Programme.

Rs. in Lakhs

(a) Assistance in cash	12.00
(b) Supply of Dapsone Tablets	10.00
(c) Supply of other material and equipment	8.00
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Total:	30.00

II. National T. B. Control Programme.

Rs. in Lakhs

(a) Supply of Anti T.B. drugs to State T.B. Clinic	7.00
(b) Supply of Miniature X-ray Films etc.	0.25
(c) Supply of Anti T.B. drugs to T.B. Centres run by Voluntary Organisations located in Tamil Nadu	0.40
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Total:	7.65

Chlorination of Drinking Water

7292. SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4931 on the 21st July, 1980 regarding chlorination of drinking water and state:

(a) how Community Health Volunteers have been trained to monitor chlorination and how they are monitoring drinking water in rural areas without providing them with an apparatus;

(b) whether any apparatus like 'Chloroscope' is available in the country for monitoring chlorination of drinking water;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to provide that apparatus to Community Health Volunteers to monitor chlorination periodically in rural areas; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof, when the water borne disease are the leading killers (49.2 per cent) of infants/children in our rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) The Community Health Volunteers have been trained in the procedure of Chlorinating sources of drinking water. They have, however, not been provided with any apparatus for monitoring the extent of chlorination or testing water.

(b) to (d) Equipment like 'Chloroscope' is available in the country. It is proposed to supply such apparatus to Community Health Volunteers in selected areas, on experimental basis, for monitoring the chlorination of drinking water.

Based on the efficacy of these experiments, a decision would be taken on the extensive supply of such equipment to every Community Health Volunteer.