

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

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ERADICATION OF LEPROSY

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

- (a) the total number of leprosy patients in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the schemes formulated by the Government for the eradication of leprosy during the last three years ;
- (c) the amount allocated/ released for the implementation of this schemes, State-wise; and
- (d) the concrete steps taken /being taken by the Government to declare India leprosy free upto 2006?

**Answer**

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

- (a) State-wise details of the number of leprosy patients in the country as on March, 2004 is at Annexure I.
- (b) The Govt. of India is implementing the National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) for the elimination of leprosy from the country. The NLEP is a 100% centrally sponsored scheme being implemented in all the States and UTs in the country. The details of the scheme are:
  - (i) Decentralization & Institutional Development under which State Leprosy Societies have been formed in 27 major States and District Leprosy Societies in all the Districts in the country which are responsible for proper planning, implementation, monitoring and timely corrective action.
  - (ii) Integration of Leprosy Services with General Health Care system in the country for better out-reach and utilization of services to the community.
  - (iii) Early Leprosy Case Detection and Free Multi Drug Therapy to all patients through all Government Primary Health Centres, dispensaries and Hospitals in the country.
  - (iv) Special Action Projects for Elimination of Leprosy (SAPEL) and Leprosy Elimination Campaign (LEC) for difficult/inaccessible/under-served Rural and Urban areas, respectively.
  - (v) Modified Leprosy Elimination Campaign (MLEC) with the package of teaching/training, intensified IEC, case detection and prompt Multi Drug Therapy (MDT) were put together and implemented in the entire country to facilitate efforts towards leprosy elimination. While involving the General Health Care staff, District Technical Support Teams (DTSTs) and Community Volunteers, three such nation-wide campaigns have been carried out by States between October 2001-February 2002, August 2002-March 2003 (all States) and December 2003-May 04 (in eight States only) in which 1.65 lakh, 1.04 lakh and 0.58 lakh new cases were detected and put on MDT.
  - (vi) Intensified Public Awareness Campaigns through Mass Media as well as local media at periphery.
  - (vii) Training of General Health Care Staff in leprosy and in disability prevention and care.
  - (viii) Inbuilt mechanism of concurrent monitoring and supervision of programme to maintain quality of services at all levels through simplified information system, monthly reporting and monitoring, Quarterly and Annual Reviews and independent evaluations at regular intervals with follow-up corrective action.

(c) Details of amount allocated/released to the States under National Leprosy Eradication Programme during last 3 years are at Annexure II.

(d) The government is taking all necessary steps as outlined at (b) above to eliminate leprosy from the country, i.e. to reach a prevalence rate of less than 1/10,000 population at the national level by December 2005.

#### Annexure I

(Annexure I referred to in reply to part(a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.392 for 2.3.2005)

#### NATIONAL LEPROSY ERADICATION PROGRAMME

#### State-wise Details of the number of Leprosy Patients in the Country As on March 2004

S.No. State/UT Cases on record at the end of the month

1	Andhra Pradesh	15628
2	Arunachal Pradesh	82
3	Assam	1293
4	Bihar	44351
5	Chhatisgarh	12918
6	Goa	263
7	Gujarat	6946
8	Haryana	477
9	Himachal Pradesh	275
10	Jharkhand	11636
11	Jammu & Kashmir	366
12	Karnataka	7742
13	Kerala	1627
14	Madhya Pradesh	10329
15	Maharashtra	29497
16	Manipur	38
17	Meghalaya	32
18	Mizoram	10
19	Nagaland	33
20	Orissa	13382
21	Punjab	1218
22	Rajasthan	2291
23	Sikkim	40
24	Tamil Nadu	8868
25	Tripura	92
26	Uttar Pradesh	62575
27	Uttaranchal	1226
28	West Bengal	25757
29	A & N Islands	29
30	Chandigarh	290
31	D & N Haveli	311
32	Daman & Diu	3
33	Delhi	6052
34	Lakshadweep	16
35	Pondicherry	88

Total 265781

# All detected cases are initiated treatment with MDT

#### Annexure II

((Annexure I referred to in reply to part(a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.392 for 2.3.2005)

Assistance Released to the States under National Leprosy Eradication Programme during last 3 years

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No. State/UT 2001-2002 2002-2003 2003-2004

Assistance Assistance Assistance  
Released Released Released

1	Andhra Pradesh	223.83	179.22	174.80
2	Arunachal Pradesh	62.09	115.96	72.75
3	Assam	153.85	97.48	93.28
4	Bihar	663.94	855.85	413.77
5	Chhatisgarh	378.34	354.41	305.60
6	Goa	11.52	8.10	7.53
7	Gujarat	61.97	99.65	88.21
8	Haryana	61.94	43.89	2.16
9	Himachal Pradesh	49.69	30.45	36.15
10	Jharkhand	100.55	96.39	21.90
11	Jammu & Kashmir	356.23	257.46	147.60
12	Karnataka	196.05	122.66	70.46
13	Kerala	74.61	69.36	15.00
14	Madhya Pradesh	395.32	676.61	225.91
15	Maharashtra	435.99	263.14	83.01
16	Manipur	71.02	101.25	65.50
17	Meghalaya	46.94	46.24	1.99
18	Mizoram	60.51	76.50	22.50
19	Nagaland	89.22	112.44	83.00
20	Orissa	540.77	478.63	403.22
21	Punjab	32.30	40.27	25.19
22	Rajasthan	123.07	52.32	23.42
23	Sikkim	34.87	39.36	23.54
24	Tamil Nadu	413.04	240.63	230.02
25	Tripura	46.47	33.60	8.50
26	Uttar Pradesh	129.01	120.01	43.78
27	Uttaranchal	1282.50	1508.04	1168.93
28	West Bengal	574.66	599.55	412.47
29	A & N Islands	18.30	20.22	0.50
30	Chandigarh	5.50	10.13	10.50
31	D & N Haveli	6.00	6.00	6.00
32	Daman & Diu	18.40	14.50	9.50
33	Delhi	48.36	93.42	100.50
34	Lakshadweep	6.00	7.26	5.50
35	Pondicherry	2.00	6.00	0.35

Total 6774.86 6877.00 4403.04