

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

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HOSPITALS FOR TREATMENT OF LEPROSY AND MENTALLY CHALLENGED CHILDREN

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

- (a) the number of hospitals meant for treatment of leprosy and mentally challenged children functioning at present and the number of such hospitals opened during the last three years and the current financial year, State-wise;
- (b) the amount of assistance provided by the Union Government to these hospitals during the said period;
- (c) whether these hospitals have also been provided any foreign assistance; and
- (d) if so, the amount so provided during 2004-05 and 2005-06?

Answer

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

(a) Diagnostic and Treatment Services for leprosy have been integrated with the General Health Care Services in the year 2001-02. Therefore, these services are available in all Government Hospitals free of cost.

In addition 93 hospitals supported by International Federation of Anti Leprosy Association (ILEP) and 10 hospitals run by NGOs who are receiving Grant-in-aid from Government of India under SET Scheme are also providing these services.

There are no separate hospitals for mentally retarded children nor there is a special component or scheme/programme for mentally retarded children under National Mental Health Programme as mental retardation is not considered as a mental disease. However, at present there are 37 Mental Hospitals located all over the country where mentally ill patients are treated. The mentally retarded children are looked after in Special Homes/Schools, where facilities for their care are available.

(b): These hospitals providing Anti Leprosy treatment are receiving Anti Leprosy Drugs i.e. Multi Drugs Therapy (MDT) Blister Packs from Government of India. The cost of the drugs supplied during last three years were as under:-

2003-04 - Rs.10.47 crores

2004-05 - Rs.08.00 crores

2005-06 - Rs.06.00 crores

(c): The hospitals supported by International Federation of Anti Leprosy Association (ILEP) are being provided foreign assistance.

(d): The amount of assistance provided during 2004-05 and 2005-06 are as under:-

2004-05 - Rs.20,79,74,037

2005-06 - Rs.22,48,85,111