

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

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GRANT TO NGOS UNDER NLEP  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of leprosy patients in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the names of NGOs and details of work carried out by these NGOs under National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) in Tamil Nadu;
- (c) the total funds released to these NGOs by the State Government/ Central Government/ Foreign Agencies during the last three years; and
- (d) the complaints, if any, of financial or other irregularities against any of these NGOs received by the Government and the action taken/ proposed to be taken against them?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANIRAMADOSS)

- (a) The number of new leprosy cases detected and prevalence rate in the state of Tamilnadu during the last three years are indicated below:

Year    New Case detected    Prevalence rate as on 31st March

2004-05	11244	0.85/10,000 population
2005-06	6654	0.60/10,000 population
2006-07	5316	0.53/10,000 population

(b)&(c) The Govt. of India and state of Tamilnadu have not released any funds to NGOs during the year 2004-2005, 2005-2006 and 2006-2007. However the Federation of Anti leprosy association (ILEP) have supported NGO in the state of Tamilnadu. During year 2007, Thirtytwo NGO have been supported by the partners of ILEP: German Leprosy Relief Association (16 NGOs), Demien Foundation India Trusty (5NGOs) Aide of Lepreux Emmaus Suisse (6 NGOs), American Leprosy Mission (4NGOs) and French Leprosy Relief Association (1 NGO). The list of NGOs supported by ILEP for the activities to be carried by them is enclosed (annexure- 1). As the ILEP release funds directly to NGOs, the exact amount released to NGOs is not available.

(d) There is no complaint received by the Govt. of India about the NGOs involved in Leprosy control activities from the state of Tamilnadu.