

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1288  
ANSWERED ON:26.02.2003  
ERADICATION OF BLINDNESS AND LEPROSY  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the Central assistance or grants provided to Maharashtra for eradication of Blindness and Leprosy during the current financial year;
- (b) the funds released for the purpose so far during the current financial year;
- (c) the time by which the remaining funds are likely to be released;
- (d) whether the Union Government have issued any guidelines for utilization of Central assistance or grants; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a)&(b): The details of funds released to Maharashtra under National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB) and National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) during current year are as under:

(Rs. In lakhs)

Name of Programme	Cash grant/assistance to State Govt.	Grant-in-aid to Societies	Commodity Assistance	Total
NPCB	165.00	191.50	182.01	538.51
NLEP	10.00	200.97	27.12	238.09

(c): Funds are released as per requirement and on completion of the conditions for release.

(d)&(e): Yes, Sir. The State is furnished with guidelines for utilization of funds to implement various activities under NPCB and NLEP as per existing pattern of assistance.