

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

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MALARIA AND LEPROSY ERADICATION PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of NGOs working in the field of Malaria and Leprosy Eradication Programmes;
- (b) whether any training and rehabilitation programme is also being implemented by these NOGs;
- (c) if so, the Central assistance provided to these NOGs for the above purpose during the last three years; and
- (d) the steps taken by these NOGs during the said period for the identification, training and rehabilitation of Leprosy patients?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) to (d) Two National level conferences in New Delhi and a meeting of the NGOs at Guwahati were held in 2003 to encourage NGOs, working in the tribal areas to collaborate malaria control activities. Selection and funding of the NGOs for malaria control is done by concerned State Health Authorities. However, central assistance is given to NGOs for doing Leprosy Surveys, Education & Treatment (SET) work only in defined population. 290 NGOs are working in the field of leprosy in the country.

Total Central Assistance given to the NGOs for SET work during last three years are as under :-

Year Central Assistance (Rs. In Cr.)

2000-01	1.20
2001-2002	0.93
2002-2003	0.99

The NGOs are carrying out only identification and treatment activities related to Leprosy patients.