

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:365
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ELIMINATION OF LEPROSY
Ponnuswamy Shri Mohan

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the WHO's proclamation according to which Leprosy was completely eliminated globally way back in 2000 AD;
- (b) if so, the details of progress registered in India in the elimination of Leprosy so far; and;
- (c) the details of the future role of Central Leprosy Teaching and Research Institute and other regional LTRIs?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) India is making satisfactory progress towards achieving elimination of leprosy by December 2005. The prevalence rate (PR) has come down from 57.6/10,000 in 1981 to 1.96 by the end of December 2004. So far 19 States/UTs have achieved elimination and another 6 States are close (PR 1-2/10,000) to achieving elimination.

(c) The issue is under consideration of the Government.