

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:802

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LEPROSY CASES

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

- (a) whether India accounts for the highest number of new leprosy cases in the world;
- (b) if so, the details of such cases reported in the last year and the current year so far, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed by the Government for the elimination of the disease from the country;
- (d) whether the Government has received complaints regarding nonavailability of medicines meant for the patients of Leprosy in the Government hospitals and dispensaries, particularly in the rural areas of the county; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIGHULAM NABIAZAD)

- (a) Yes,
- (b) Details of new cases of Leprosy reported during last year and current year till 31st August State/UT-wise is annexed.
- (c) The objective of achieving the prevalence rate of Leprosy to below one per thousand population was achieved in December 2005 under National Leprosy Eradication Programme at the National Level. To further reduce the disease burden following steps are being taken:
 - (i) Decentralized integrated leprosy services through General Health Care System
 - (ii) Training in leprosy detection and treatment to General Health Services functionaries.
 - (iii) Intensified Information, Education & Communication (IEC).
 - (iv) Renewed emphasis on Prevention of Disability and Medical Rehabilitation &
 - (v) Monitoring and supervision.
- (d) No
- (e) Does not arise.