

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

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INTERNATIONAL FUNDS FOR LEPROSY ERADICATION  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether international funds have been withdrawn following the report of declining number of Leprosy cases in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating such assistance received during each of the last three years;
- (c) whether decline in Leprosy cases is only marginal costing India valuable international assistance for the eradication of the disease;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken/proposed by the Government for proper implementation, evaluation and monitoring of the National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

(a) No.

(b) World Health Organization (WHO) provides kind assistance in the form of Multidrug Therapy (MDT) Blister packs for supplying free of cost to all leprosy patients as per requirement for National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP). The kind assistance received from WHO is Rs.8.00 Cr. Rs. 5.00 Cr. and Rs.6.35 during 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 respectively.

(c) & (d) Gradual reduction in number of Leprosy cases detected is observed every year. Numbers of new leprosy cases detected during the last 5 years are given in the Annexure. The Gradual reduction in number of cases has no relation with the technical support received by the NLEP.

(e) Government of India is placing emphasis on assessment of new case detection and treatment completing rate and Grade-II disability among new cases for better epidemiological analysis of disease situation. The programme is monitored at different levels through analysis of monthly progress reports through field visits by the supervisory officers and review meetings at Central, State and District level. Independent Programme Evaluation was also carried out during 2010.

Annexure

Number of new Leprosy cases deducted last five years.

Years Cases

2006-07 139252

2007-08 137685

2008-09 134184

2009-10 133717

2010-11 126800