

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

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CASES OF LEPROSY

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of rising number of leprosy cases in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the total number of leprosy patients in the country and the number of new cases reported during each of the last three years 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 attention of the Government has been drawn to mismanagement and irregularities in implementation on ongoing schemes for control and eradication of leprosy across the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective measures taken/proposed by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The monitoring of leprosy cases reported under National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) is an on-going process. The Government monitors State/UT-wise increase or decrease in reported leprosy cases on annual basis. The total leprosy patients (State/UT-wise) as on 31-03-2012 are given in Annexure-I. Details of new leprosy cases reported during the last 3 years and the current year (till June 2012) are given in Annexure-II.

(c) Under National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP), target of less than 1 case per 10,000 population at national level has already been achieved. Now, the Government is concentrating on achieving elimination of leprosy at district level. The special measures for achieving elimination of Leprosy at district level include early case detection & complete treatment through intensified activities like active case finding, Information, Education and Communication (IEC)/ Behaviour Change Communication (BCC) in the community, capacity building of medical, paramedical & community workers and improved monitoring & supervision.

(d) & (e): No case of mis-management or irregularity in implementation of NLEP has been reported.