

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

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LEPROSY CASES

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

(a) whether after declaring country leprosy free in 2005, fresh cases of leprosy have surfaced again;

(b) if so, whether as per the International Leprosy Union (ILU) (India) out of 2,28,474 new cases detected in the world in 2010, the figure for India stood at 126800;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor and the corrective measures taken/proposed by the Government in this regard, State/UT-wise;

(d) the funds earmarked and allocated to fight leprosy during each of the last three years and the current year so far, State/UTwise; and

(e) whether ILU activists in India have prepared any reports in this regard, and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken or proposed by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a): The National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) targets the elimination of Leprosy which means prevalence of less than 1 case per 10,000 population. This target was achieved at national level in December, 2005. However, the country has not been claimed to be free from Leprosy.

(b): As per the WHO Report 2011, out of 2,28,474 new cases detected in the world in 2010, the figure for India stood at 126800.

(c): New Leprosy cases reported in the Country during 2010-11, State/UT-wise are given at Annexure-I.

The present strategy of the Government under NLEP containing the corrective measures is as follows:

Decentralized integrated leprosy services through General health care systems.

Early detection & complete treatment of new Leprosy cases.

Carrying out house hold contact survey in detection of Multibacillary (MB) & child cases.

Involvement of Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) in the detection & complete treatment of Leprosy cases under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) for Leprosy work.

Information, Education & Communication (IEC) activities in the community to improve self reporting to Primary Health Centre (PHC).

Intensive monitoring and supervision with block Primary Health Centre /Community Health Centre (PHC/CHC) as a unit of analysis.

(d): State/UT-wise funds released to fight Leprosy during last three years and the current year are given at Annexure-II.

(e): The Government has not received any report in this regard from ILU.