

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the number of leprosy-affected people in the country including the number of cases detected during each of the last three years and the current year along with the details of Annual New Case Detection Rate (ANCDR), State/UT-wise;
- (b) the trend of ANCDR observed in the country during the said period, State/ UT-wise;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to reduce the number of new leprosy cases in the country;
- (d) the measures being taken by the Government for rehabilitation of leprosy-affected people, along with details of the funds allocated, released and utilised for the purpose during the said period, State/ UT-wise; and
- (e) whether the Government has reviewed/assessed the performance of the scheme to eliminate leprosy and if so, the details along with the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a): A total of 127295, 134752 & 126913 number of new leprosy cases with ANCDR of 10.35, 10.78 & 9.98 per 1,00,000 population have been reported in the year 2011-12, 2012-13 & 2013-14 respectively. Statement showing State/UT-wise number of new cases of Leprosy detected during last three years and current year 2014-15 (till September, 2014) along with ANCDR are Annexed (Annexure-I, II, III and IV).

(b): The trend of ANCDR is almost stagnant during the above period. However, India achieved ANCDR less than 10/100000 population (9.98) during 2013-14.

(c): The steps taken by Government to reduce leprosy load are as below

Decentralized integrated leprosy services through General Health Care system.

Early detection & complete treatment of new leprosy cases.

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

Involvement of ASHA in the detection & complete treatment of Leprosy cases

Strengthening of Disability Prevention & Medical Rehabilitation (DPMR) services.

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

Intensive monitoring and supervision of the programme.

Intensive case detection drives.

(d): Medical Rehabilitation is being given to leprosy affected person. DPMR (Disability Prevention and Medical Rehabilitation) is one of the activity under leprosy programme. Grant-in-aid is released to the States/UTs for carrying out various activities under the programme including Disability Prevention and Medical Rehabilitation of leprosy affected persons. The details of funds allocated, released and utilized, State/UTs wise is given at Annexure-V.

(e): Mid Term Independent Evaluation of the programme was carried out from 10th November, 2014 to 21st November, 2014 and the report/recommendations are awaited.