

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ELIMINATION 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 measures undertaken so far by the Government for elimination of leprosy from the country and the extent of success achieved thereunder, State/UT-wise;
- (d) the funds allocated, released and utilised for the purpose during the said period, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the fresh measures being taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government for elimination of leprosy in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a): The new cases of leprosy detected in the country during last three years are as given below -

Year	No. of new cases of leprosy
2011-12	127295
2012-13	134752
2013-14	126913

(b): Details of total number of leprosy cases and new cases reported during last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise, are placed at Annexures-I & II.

(c): The measures undertaken in the National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) are as given below-

Decentralized integrated leprosy services through General Health Care system.

Early detection & complete treatment of new leprosy cases.

Involvement of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) 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 at Primary Health Centre/Community Health Centre.

India achieved leprosy elimination at the national level in December, 2005. Out of 36 States/UTs, 34 States/UTs (except Chhattisgarh and Dadra & Nagar Haveli) have achieved elimination level i.e. 1 case/10000 population.

(d): The funds allocated, released and utilised under NLEP during last three years, State/UT-wise, are placed at Annexure-III.

(e): 209 high endemic districts with Annual New Case Detection Rate (ANCDR) more than 10 per 1 lakh population have been identified for special activities like

- (i) Active search
- (ii) Capacity building of staff
- (iii) Awareness drive
- (iv) Enhanced monitoring and supervision
- (v) Validation of Multibacillary (MB) and child case.

Increased incentives to ASHAs for case detection and treatment completion has been provided for.