

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3614
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH MARCH, 2018**

LEPROSY AFFLICTED PATIENTS

3614. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN:

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

- (a) the number of persons in India affected by leprosy at present;
- (b) how many of them are women and children below 5 years of age;
- (c) the rate at which it is now spreading;
- (d) how many patients are kept in hospital or quarantined; and
- (e) by when Government expects to wipe this disease out or keep it under strict check?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

- (a): A total of 95955 cases were on record as on 31st January, 2018.
- (b): As per data maintained under National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP), cases less than 15 years of age are considered as child cases. Out of 104438 new cases of leprosy detected between 1st April, 2017 to 31st January, 2018, 40367 were female cases and 8495 were child cases (less than 15 years of age).
- (c): Present Prevalence Rate of leprosy reported as on 31st January, 2018 was 0.72/10,000 population.
- (d): No patients are kept in quarantine. However, for the complication of the disease and reaction of the medicine patients might need hospitalization.
- (e): Although incubation period of leprosy is very long between 5 to 7 years on average and sometimes it is as long as 20 years, Government is committed towards eradication of Leprosy and Leprosy free India is the ultimate mission and vision of NLEP.

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