

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2190
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01ST JANUARY, 2019**

WELFARE OF LEPROSY PATIENTS

2190. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:

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

- (a) the State-wise details of the number of persons affected with Leprosy in the country;
- (b) the measures being taken under the National Leprosy Eradication Programme to eradicate Leprosy and the achievements made thus far; and
- (c) the steps being taken by Government to sensitize the citizens about Leprosy and reduce the stigma surrounding the disease?

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

(a): The State-wise details of number of persons affected with Leprosy as on record till 31st March, 2018 is annexed.

(b): The measures being taken under the National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) are as under:-

- I. **Early case detection:** Three pronged strategy i.e., i) Leprosy Case Detection Campaign (LCDC) (specific for high endemic districts), ii) Focused Leprosy Campaign (for hot spots i.e. rural and urban areas where Grade II Disability (G2D) is detected), iii) Special plan for case detection in hard to reach areas.
- II. **Enhanced early case reporting:** i) Sparsh Leprosy Awareness Campaign (SLAC) ii) Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) based Surveillance for Leprosy Suspects (ABSULS)
- III. **Prevention of leprosy / Interrupt transmission:** Post Exposure Prophylaxis administration to contacts of new cases detected in LCDC districts.
- IV. **Overall strengthening of the programme:** i) Nikushth an online reporting system with Patient tracking mechanism, ii) Grade II disability case investigation.

In addition to the above measures several activities are being implemented in the programme which are as under:

- Extended ASHA scheme wherein incentives are being provided to ASHA as well as any community member after confirmation of a leprosy case.
- Multi Drug Therapy (MDT) is provided to the leprosy patients free of cost.
- Fund are provided for procurement of material and supplies including supportive drugs.

Further various services are provided under the programme for Disability Prevention Medical Rehabilitation (DPMR) activities which cover reaction management, self-care practices, provision of Micro Cellular Rubber (MCR) footwear, Aids & Appliances, referral services for management of cases and reconstructive surgery at District Hospitals and Medical Colleges/Central leprosy/ Non Government Organisation (NGO) Institutions.

(c): The Programme has a provision for regular Information Education Communication (IEC) at National level and at State level and also in campaign mode in the form of Sparsh Leprosy Awareness Campaign on Anti Leprosy Day i.e. 30th January every year.

Annexure

S. No.	States/ UTs	Cases on record (As on 31st March 2018)
1	Andhra Pradesh	3427
2	Arunachal Pradesh	26
3	Assam	986
4	Bihar	14338
5	Chhattisgarh	6499
6	Goa	121
7	Gujarat	4400
8	Haryana	441
9	Himachal Pradesh	129
10	Jharkhand	3979
11	Jammu & Kashmir	191
12	Karnataka	2480
13	Kerala	624
14	Madhya Pradesh	5696
15	Maharashtra	9836
16	Manipur	22
17	Meghalaya	16
18	Mizoram	31
19	Nagaland	34
20	Odisha	6325
21	Punjab	497
22	Rajasthan	1100
23	Sikkim	17
24	Tamil Nadu	3077
25	Telangana	2264
26	Tripura	52
27	Uttar Pradesh	12583
28	Uttarakhand	235
29	West Bengal	9175
30	A & N Islands	29
31	Chandigarh	117
32	D & N Haveli	202
33	Daman & Diu	18
34	Delhi	1691
35	Lakshadweep	15
36	Puducherry	36
	Total	90709