

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

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 341  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2023**

**CASES OF LEPROSY**

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SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the reports that 52 per cent leprosy cases of world belong to India and if so, the details thereof indicating the estimated leprosy patients at present in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has any strategic roadmap to eliminate leprosy from the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether leprosy cases in India are declining fast during the last few years and if so, the details thereof indicating the proportionate decline thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has fixed a target of Leprosy Mukht Bharat under 'National Leprosy Eradication Programme' by 2027 and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to achieve the set target; and
- (e) the details of funds sanctioned and released by the Government to achieve Leprosy Mukht Bharat by 2027?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
(DR MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA  
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(a): India has achieved elimination of leprosy as a public health problem as per WHO criteria of less than 1 case per 10,000 population at the National level in 2005. With various interventions introduced under National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) in the last few years, number of new leprosy cases detected have come down to 75,394 in 2021-22 from 1,25,785 in 2014-15. The details of number of leprosy cases found in the country, State/UT-wise is at **Annexure-I**.

(b) to (d): The Government of India has launched National Strategic Plan (NSP) & Roadmap for Leprosy (2023-27) on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2023, to achieve zero transmission of leprosy by 2027 i.e. three years before the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3.3. The NSP contains implementation strategies, targets, public health approaches and overall technical guidance for the programme. The strategy and roadmap focuses on awareness for zero stigma & discrimination, promotion of early case detection, prevention of disease transmission by prophylaxis (Leprosy Post Exposure Prophylaxis) and roll out of web-based information portal (Nikusth 2.0) for reporting of leprosy cases.

The Prevalence Rate (PR) at national level has decreased to 0.45 per 10,000 population in 2021-22 as compared to 0.69 per 10,000 population in 2014-15. The details of proportionate change in leprosy cases for last three years are at **Annexure-II**.

(e): The details of State/UT-wise Central Release for NLEP under National Health Mission (NHM) during the last three years is at **Annexure-III**.

**Number of leprosy cases in the country (State/UT-wise)**

<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Number of Cases (Till Jan'2023)</b>
Andhra Pradesh	2769
Arunachal Pradesh	10
Assam	719
Bihar	11318
Chhattisgarh	7422
Goa	70
Gujarat	2662
Haryana	366
Himachal Pradesh	132
Jharkhand	6184
Jammu & Kashmir	106
Karnatka	2091
Kerala	384
Madhya Pradesh	7313
Maharashtra	17014
Manipur	17
Meghalaya	6
Mizoram	2
Nagaland	31
Odisha	6088
Punjab	365
Rajasthan	969
Sikkim	15
Tamil Nadu	2591
Telangana	2564
Tripura	18
Uttar Pradesh	10312
Uttrakhand	294
West Bengal	5012
A & N Island	5
Chandigarh	141
D & N Haveli	76
Daman & Diu	2
Delhi	1188
Lakshadweep	0
Ladakh	8
Puducherry	14

**Trends of new leprosy cases in India**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Prevalence Rate (Under-treatment cases/10,000 population)</b>
2019-20	0.57
2020-21	0.40
2021-22	0.45

**Details of proportionate change in leprosy cases**

<b>Year</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>
New cases detected	114451	65147	75394
Proportion change with respect to previous year	-4.9%	-43%	+15.7%

**Annexure- III****State/UT-wise Central Release for NLEP under National Health Mission (NHM) from F.Y.  
2019-20 to 2021-22****(Rs. in Crores)**

S.No.	Name of the State/UTs	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
		Central Release	Central Release	Central Release
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0.14	0.07	0.03
2	Andhra Pradesh	1.89	1.61	1.23
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0.32	0.48	0.39
4	Assam	1.15	0.90	0.78
5	Bihar	2.85	1.97	0.40
6	Chandigarh	0.10	0.05	0.03
7	Chattisgarh	2.32	0.77	0.28
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu	0.71	-	0.08
9	Delhi	0.87		0.40
10	Goa	0.03	0.04	0.03
11	Gujarat	1.04	1.16	0.76
12	Haryana	0.46	0.35	0.27
13	Himachal Pradesh	0.22		0.26
14	Jammu & Kashmir	0.28	0.21	0.21
15	Jharkhand	2.14	1.66	0.71
16	Karnataka	1.12	0.88	0.88
17	Kerala	0.20		0.04
18	Lakshadweep	0.01	0.08	0.08
19	Madhya Pradesh	0.26		0.74
20	Maharashtra	4.83	3.76	2.12
21	Manipur	0.13	0.10	0.07
22	Meghalaya	0.19	0.26	0.18
23	Mizoram	0.19	0.13	0.12
24	Nagaland	0.78	0.56	0.26
25	Odisha	1.96		0.38
26	Puducherry	0.05	0.04	0.03
27	Punjab	0.54	0.33	0.24
28	Rajasthan	0.74	0.53	0.32
29	Sikkim	0.11	0.26	0.09
30	Tamil Nadu	1.85	1.66	1.59
31	Tripura	0.15	0.11	0.15
32	Uttar Pradesh	4.83		2.14
33	Uttarakhand	0.17	0.14	0.02
34	West Bengal	1.61	1.95	1.44
35	Telangana	1.04	0.99	0.72
36	Ladakh		0.02	

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