

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4288
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH DECEMBER, 2019**

**SURGERY FACILITY AT REGIONAL LEPROSY
TRAINING AND RESEARCH CENTRE**

4288. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SONI:

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

- (a) whether the facility for surgery at Regional Leprosy Training and Research Centre, Raipur, Chhattisgarh has been discontinued, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government is making efforts to restart the facility at this centre;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the said facility is likely to be restored; and
- (d) the efforts being made by the Government for eradication of leprosy in Chhattisgarh State along with the details of the schemes being run in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a): The facility for surgery at Regional Leprosy Training and Research Institute (RLTRI), Raipur, Chhattisgarh has been temporarily discontinued due to seepage in the Operation Theatre (OT) and for repair and renovation of the OT.

(b) & (c): The process for renovations of OT has already been started. The budget estimate from Central Public Work Department (CPWD) has been obtained for repairing and renovation of Operation Theatre at RLTRI, Raipur. Provision of fund for repair and renovation of OT has been made under Revised Estimate 2019-20 as well as under Budget Estimate 2020-21. The restoration will take some time as the funds are awaited.

(d): National Leprosy Eradication programme (NLEP) provides technical and financial assistance to all States/Union Territories including State of Chhattisgarh for all activities related to detection, diagnosis, treatment and post treatment care of persons affected with leprosy. The Programme aims at spreading awareness about the disease, and at reducing stigma attached with the disease. Keeping in view the goal, several initiatives have been taken under the Programme to encourage early case detection, to ensure complete treatment, and to contain the onset of disease in close contacts of the index cases (persons diagnosed with leprosy).

Leprosy Case Detection Campaigns, Focussed Leprosy Case Detection Campaigns, Sparsh Leprosy Awareness Campaigns, ASHA Based Surveillance of Leprosy Suspects and Post

Exposure Prophylaxis administration are being run in all States including the State of Chhattisgarh.

In addition, various services are also being provided under the programme for Disability Prevention and Medical Rehabilitation (DPMR) i.e. reaction management, provision of Micro Cellular (MCR) footwear, Aids and Appliances, referral services for management of cases and reconstructive surgery at District Hospitals and Medical Colleges/Central leprosy Institutions.

