

Re-Organization Of Vertical Staff Under National Leprosy Eradication Programme

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Abstract:

The national leprosy eradication programme (NLCP) has been in operation since 1955, as a centrally aided programme to achieve control of leprosy through early detection of cases and DDS (dapsones monotherapy) on an ambulatory basis. The NLCP moved ahead initially at a slow pace, presumably for the want of clear cut policies or operational objectives for nearly two decades. In the 1980, the government of India declared its resolve to “eradicate” leprosy by the year 2000 and constituted a working group to advise accordingly. The working group submitted report in 1982 and recommended a revised strategy based on multi- drug chemotherapy aimed at leprosy “eradication” through reduction in the quantum of infection in the population, reduction in the sources of infection in the breaking the chain of transmission. There are about 22,200 regular vertical staff under NLEP. Most of these are non-medical supervisors (NMS), paramedical workers (PMW) and physiotherapists (PT).

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