

**GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
MIZORAM SECRETARIAT : MINECO : KHATLA : AIZAWL – 796001**

NOTIFICATION

Dated Aizawl, the 27th August, 2025

No.D.33011/3/2020-HFW(LCP): Whereas, Leprosy is an infectious disease and a major public health concern and leads to physical deformity and morbidity and if the patient is not treated early, they may develop physical deformities which are often associated with stigma and discrimination.. As it is a curable disease with full course of Multi Drug Therapy (MDT), early diagnosis and complete treatment of leprosy is the corner stone of Leprosy Prevention and Control Strategy.

Whereas, the Government of India is making concerted efforts to achieve Leprosy-Free India. Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Target 3.3 aims to "end the epidemics of communicable diseases" by 2030. In alignment with the Global Leprosy Strategy 2021-2030, India has launched the National Strategic Plan 2023- 2027 to accelerate progress towards interrupting the transmission of leprosy.

Whereas, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India issued a letter vide D.O. No. Z-14020/05/2025-Lep. dated the 14th May, 2025 (copy enclosed) stating that the objective of achieving leprosy- free status in a region will be met when no indigenous child cases are reported for continuous period of five years and in order to reach this milestone, it is imperative that every newly detected case of leprosy is reported promptly to the National Leprosy Eradication Program (NLEP).

Whereas, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India in its letter vide D.O. No. Z-14020/05/2025-Lep. dated the 14th May, 2025 also stated that comprehensive and timely reporting enables us to:

- i) Ensure that all patients benefit from the services available under NLEP;
- ii) Provide follow-up care for individuals who experience complications or disabilities even after treatment completion;
- iii) Facilitate the administration of chemoprophylaxis to healthy contacts to prevent further transmission;
- iv) Support the diagnosis and management of Drug-Resistant Leprosy (DRL) cases.

Whereas, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India in its letter vide D.O. No. Z-14020/05/2025-Lep. dated the 14 May, 2025 urged all States/UTs to seek support in considering and declaring leprosy as a 'Notifiable Disease' applicable across all sectors - government, private, non-governmental organizations, corporate healthcare providers and medical institutions including private medical colleges stating that there should be mandatory reporting of all diagnosed cases to the District Leprosy Officer or Chief Medical Officer of the respective district.

And whereas, the State Government is committed to reducing the leprosy burden and aims to achieve leprosy-free status and in order to attain this goal, it is essential that all persons dealing with diagnosis, treatment and follow-up in Hospitals (Private or Government), Private Practice, Institutions Imparting Medical Educational and providing diagnostic services, and any other healthcare relating to leprosy report all confirmed/diagnosed and suspected cases of leprosy for appropriate treatment, follow-up and administration of Leprosy Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (LPEP) to contacts.

Now therefore, in compliance of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India's letter D.O. No. Z-14020/05/2025-Lep. dated the 14th May, 2025, for effective implementation of the National Leprosy Eradication Program (NLEP) and to strengthen surveillance, improve case detection and accelerate progress towards achieving 'Leprosy-Free Status' in all the entire region of the State of Mizoram, the competent authority hereby declares 'Leprosy' as a 'Notifiable Disease' within the state of Mizoram in the interest of general public health and safety with immediate effect and until further order.

Instructions for Compliance:

All persons dealing with diagnosis, treatment and follow up in Hospitals (Private or Government), Private Practice, Institutions Imparting Medical Educational and providing diagnostic services, and any other healthcare relating to leprosy shall mandatorily:-

1. Report confirmed/diagnosed and suspected cases of Leprosy to the District Leprosy Officer or Chief Medical Officer of each concerned district with a copy to Joint Director (Leprosy)/State Leprosy Officer, National Leprosy Eradication Program (NLEP), National Health Mission, Mizoram in the Reporting Formats appended to this Notification within 2 (two) weeks of confirmation/diagnosis and suspected cases of leprosy.
2. Maintain accurate records of confirmed/diagnosed and suspected cases of Leprosy and deaths, including demographic details, clinical presentations, and treatment outcomes.
3. Submit periodic updates to facilitate the collation of comprehensive data at the district/state level.

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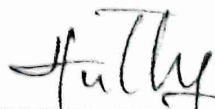
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2. P.S to Chief Minister, Mizoram.
3. P.S to Speaker, Mizoram.
4. P.S to Minister, Health & Family Welfare Department.
5. Sr. P.P.S. to Chief Secretary, Govt. of Mizoram.
6. All Administrative Departments.
7. Principal Director, Health & Family Welfare Department.
8. All Deputy Commissioners, Mizoram.
9. Director of Hospital & Medical Education.
10. Director of Health Services.
11. Director, Zoram Medical College & Hospital.
12. Director, Mizoram State Cancer Institute.
13. Project Director, Mizoram State AIDS Control Society.
14. Mission Director, National Health Mission.
15. All Sr. Medical Superintendents/Medical Superintendents/District Medical Superintendents, Mizoram.
16. Joint Director, Leprosy/ State Leprosy Officer, National Health Mission.
17. All Sr. Chief Medical Officers/ Chief Medical Officers, Mizoram.
18. State Nodal Officer, Clinical Establishment Act.
19. All District Leprosy Officers.
20. Joint Director Nursing.
21. Controller, Printing & Stationery with six (6) spare copies for publication in the Official Gazette.
22. All concerned members.
23. Web Manager, IT Section, Directorate of Health Services.
24. President, Non-Government Hospital Association of Mizoram.
25. Guard File.



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