



You have to leave the house now since you have leprosy. If you stay with us, we might also catch the disease.

Uncle ji, what is the need to make aunty leave the house and break your family when the fact is that leprosy is not highly contagious and can be fully cured by taking MDT !

LEPROSY IS FULLY CURABLE WITH MDT

Leprosy is caused by a bacterium called *Mycobacterium leprae*. Leprosy can be cured with multidrug therapy (MDT). MDT is available free of charge in all Primary Health Centres and leprosy hospitals run by NGOs.



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Hi Seema !
How is your treatment
for leprosy going on?

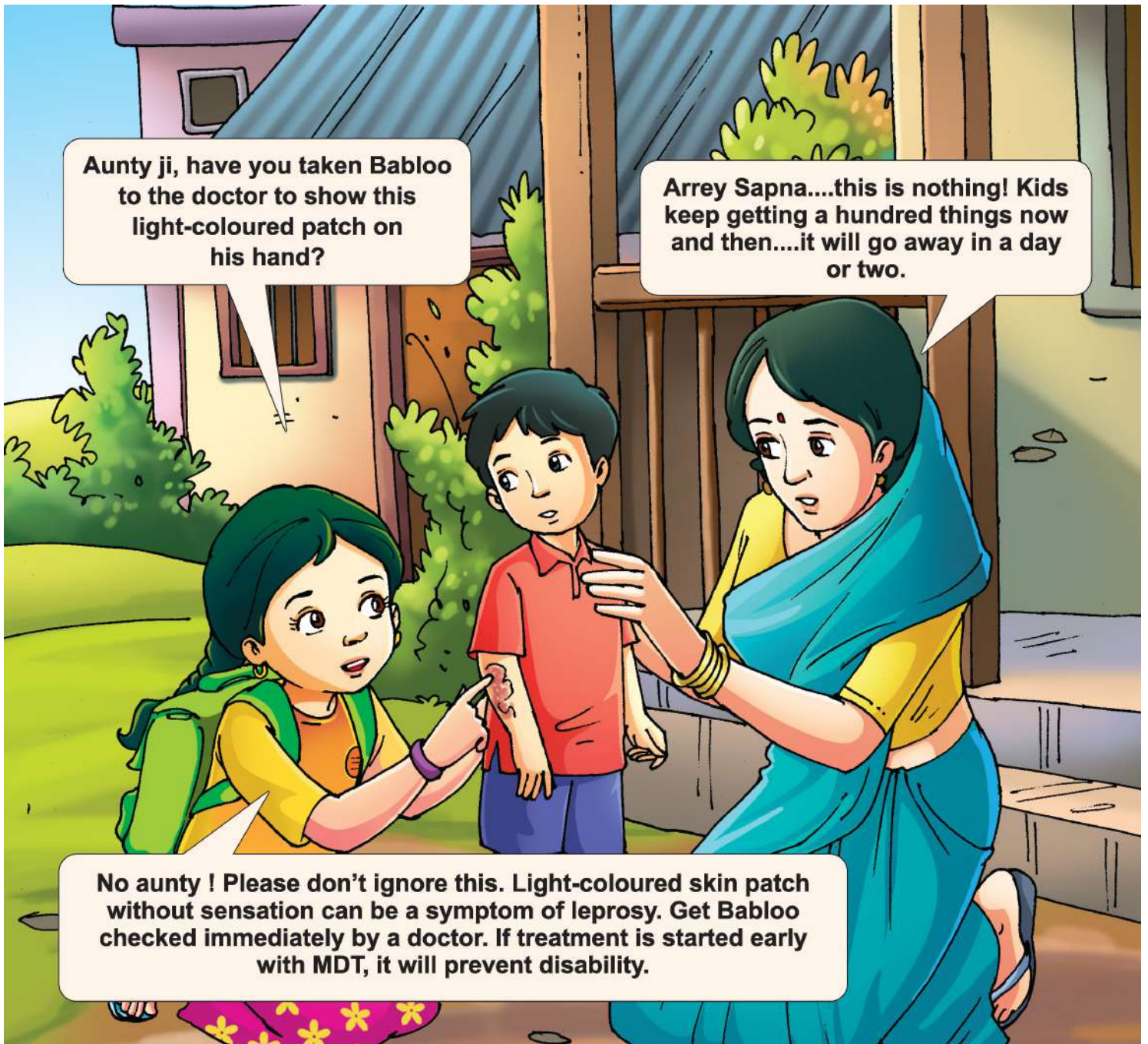
Sapna, the doctor had
prescribed MDT for six months.
But after four months, I am
already feeling alright. So I have
stopped the medicine now.

That's not right Seema ! You cannot stop your
MDT before completing the full course. This
way the disease can relapse. Please see your
doctor immediately and ask him what to do.

MDT SHOULD BE TAKEN REGULARLY FOR COMPLETE CURE OF LEPROSY

Multidrug therapy (MDT) taken regularly ensures complete cure of leprosy,
prevents deformities and stops transmission to other individuals.





Aunty ji, have you taken Babloo to the doctor to show this light-coloured patch on his hand?

Arrey Sapna....this is nothing! Kids keep getting a hundred things now and then....it will go away in a day or two.

No aunty ! Please don't ignore this. Light-coloured skin patch without sensation can be a symptom of leprosy. Get Babloo checked immediately by a doctor. If treatment is started early with MDT, it will prevent disability.

EARLY DIAGNOSIS WILL ENSURE COMPLETE CURE OF LEPROSY AND PREVENT DISABILITY


Early diagnosis, appropriate treatment and completion of the full course of treatment will prevent disability due to leprosy.



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Stop! You can't take water from this tap.
Your father has leprosy, so you may have it too..

Aunty ji! Because her father had leprosy
doesn't mean she also has leprosy. Doctors
assure that leprosy is not hereditary. It is
caused by bacteria and does not pass from
parents to children.

LEPROSY IS NOT HEREDITARY

Leprosy is caused by a bacterium called *Mycobacterium leprae*, and it does not transmit from parents to children.





Sapna, where are you taking me? You know I am taking MDT for leprosy. I don't want to go to the wedding because people will think that I may spread the disease.

Arrey Aunty ! You don't need to stay away from people. Leprosy does not spread through touch. Come join the wedding celebrations!

LEPROSY DOES NOT SPREAD THROUGH TOUCH

Casual touch like shaking hands or playing together or working in the same office will not transmit or spread leprosy.



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We don't want Lakhan to stay in our village. He has leprosy.

Our forefathers have said, and people believe that leprosy is a curse, a result of past sins!

Sarpanch ji, leprosy is neither a curse, nor a result of past sins. It is caused by bacteria. As the village leader, you can guide our community with right knowledge and in dispelling these age-old myths.

LEPROSY IS NOT THE RESULT OF PAST SINS OR IMMORAL BEHAVIOUR

Leprosy is not caused due to a curse or due to a person's past sins or immoral behaviour. It is caused by a bacterium called *Mycobacterium leprae*.



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Mamma...who is that man?

Don't pay attention to that man. He's a 'leper' !

Aunty, I hope you don't mind me saying that this man is not a 'leper'. He is a human being who is affected by a disease called leprosy which can be cured like many other diseases.

'LEPER' IS A DEROGATORY TERM

Do not use the term 'leper'. Instead, use the term 'a person affected by leprosy'.





Sonu, why did you come to school? You are affected by leprosy. You will spread the disease.

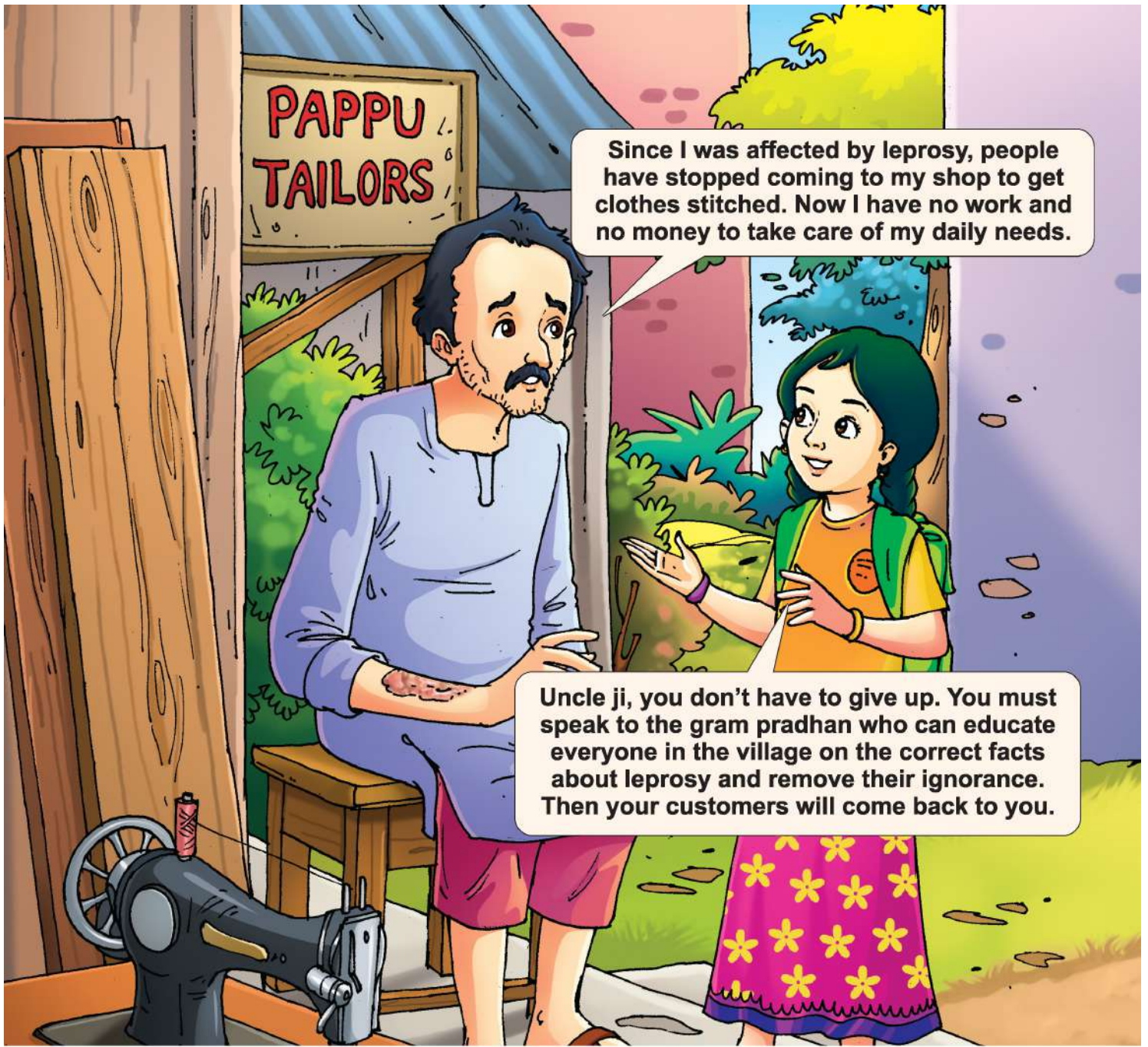
Good morning, master ji!

Why master ji? Leprosy is not highly contagious. He can come to school and study like any other student. It is his right! Being a teacher, you can help him in realising his right to education.

EDUCATION IS A RIGHT OF EACH PERSON

You cannot deny anyone his/her right to education because that person has/had leprosy, which is completely curable.





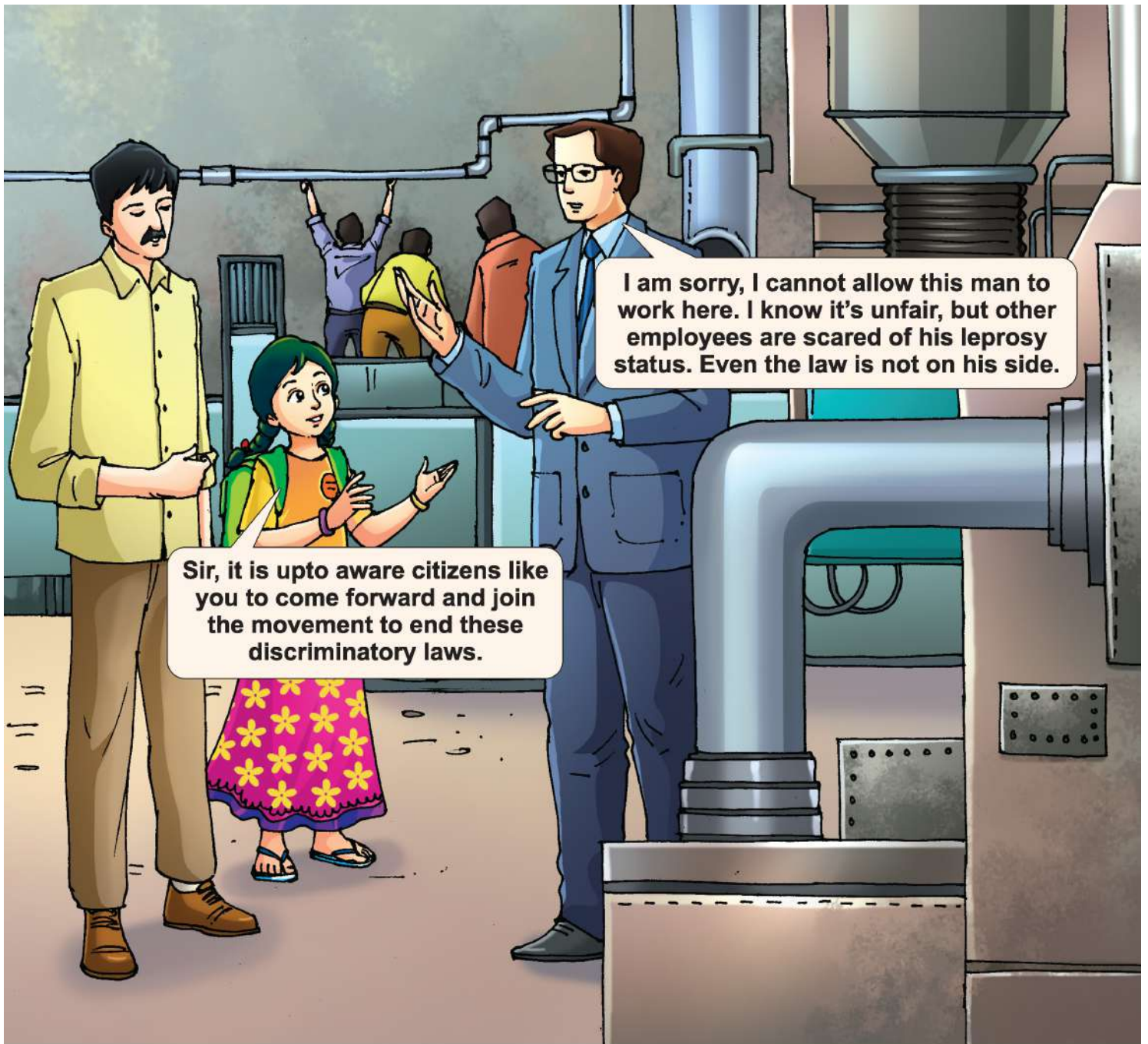
Since I was affected by leprosy, people have stopped coming to my shop to get clothes stitched. Now I have no work and no money to take care of my daily needs.

Uncle ji, you don't have to give up. You must speak to the gram pradhan who can educate everyone in the village on the correct facts about leprosy and remove their ignorance. Then your customers will come back to you.

EACH PERSON HAS THE RIGHT TO EARN LIVELIHOOD

People affected by leprosy have the right to livelihood. Let's guarantee them this right.





LET'S JOIN HANDS TO GET EDPAL BILL PASSED

There are 119 laws discriminating against people affected by leprosy. Passing of EDPAL (Eliminating Discrimination against Persons Affected by Leprosy) Bill 2015 will ensure that these laws are repealed.

