

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 275
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST DECEMBER, 2015**

HIGH TB CASES IN THE COUNTRY

275. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that during the last year India has recorded the highest number of TB cases in the world;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government is aware of the WHO's Global TB Report, 2015 in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to prevent/cure TB?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

(a) to (c): As per the World Health Organization (WHO) Global TB report 2015, in the year 2014, 2.2 million cases were estimated in India which is higher than any other country.

However, this high number is due to our large population even though the incidence and prevalence of TB in India has been consistently declining over the last 15 years and India has also achieved the Millenium Development Goal and has halved the TB prevalence and mortality as compared to 1990 levels. Amongst the 22 high Burden countries in the world India ranks 17th in incidence rate.

(d): The Government has, *inter-alia*, taken following action under Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP) during the 12th Five Year Plan:

- RNTCP is being supported under the National Health Mission.
- Maintaining a network of more than 13,000 Designated Microscopy Centers and more than 4,00,000 DOTS Centers.
- Alignment of Tuberculosis Units with Block Programme Management Units under National Health Mission (NHM).

- Diagnosis of Drug Resistant TB undertaken at 64 Culture & drug susceptibility testing (C-DST) laboratories, of which 51 laboratories are also equipped with rapid molecular test. Additionally, Cartridge Based Nucleic Acid Amplification (CBNAAT) Test Machines have been installed at 121 sites for early detection of Rifampicin resistance among TB cases.
- Under RNTCP the treatment of drug sensitive and drug resistant TB cases is being provided free of cost.
- To generate awareness and demand amongst the community, audio visual campaigns and other advocacy communication and social mobilization activities, are undertaken.

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