

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2380
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH DECEMBER, 2016**

UNDER-REPORTING OF TB CASES IN INDIA

2380. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the WHO's Global TB report for 2016, which says that TB cases in India were underreported;
- (b) if so, whether Government has taken/considered to take any measures to identify and treat TB cases more effectively; and
- (c) schemes/programmes to control TB in India and the budgetary allocation for each during the past three years?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)**

(a): Yes, Government is aware of the WHO's Global TB report for 2016.

(b) & (c): The Government implements the Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme under the aegis of National Health Mission.

The measures taken to identify and treat TB cases more effectively include:

- Notification of all TB patients and real-time tracking, for public and privately treated TB patients by enhancing the Nikshay ICT tool.
- Early scale-up of new diagnostics and effective regimens for TB and drug-resistant TB, including for all TB patients seeking care in private sector.
- Campaign approach to find and treat those missing TB patients who are unable to seek or delayed in seeking health care.
- Addressing TB co-morbidities, under-nutrition and better clinical care.

The budgetary allocation for 2013-14 was Rs. 516.76 crore and for 2014-15 & 2015-16 it was Rs. 640 crore respectively.