

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2825
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH MARCH, 2018**

DIAGNOSING TB AT DISTRICT HOSPITALS

2825. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA:

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

- (a) whether Government has made adequate arrangements including TB confirming tests at all District Hospitals across the country to diagnose TB and other incidental tests thereto;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any proposal is pending with Government to appoint sufficient Counsellors at the District Hospitals across the country to counsel TB patients; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) & (b): Yes. Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP) has TB diagnostic facilities at District level (which may or may not be at the District Hospitals) and below.

Cartridge Based Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (CBNAAT) is a molecular method of diagnosis. 979 of CBNAAT machines are available at district level and below. The designated Microscopy Centres offering Sputum Microscopy Tests are available at 1 centre per one lakh population. Other incidental tests, including X ray facilities are available through general health services.

(c) & (d): No. Such proposals are submitted by the States through the Project Implementation Plan (PIP) process and approved by the Centre based on the need and requirements of the States.

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