

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2851
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH MARCH, 2018**

DST GUIDED TREATMENT FOR TB

2851. DR. VIKAS MAHATME:

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

- (a) whether Government has published the guidelines for the Drug Susceptibility Testing (DST) guided treatment and the treatment of monopoly drug resistant TB;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) by when Government is planning to implement the Universal DST and DST guided treatment for all DR TB patients across the country?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Yes. The Government has published the guidelines on “Programmatic Management of Drug Resistant Tuberculosis in India” in December 2017 which provides guidance on the Drug Susceptibility Testing (DST) guided treatment including the treatment of monopoly drug resistant TB.

(c): The Government has rolled out Universal DST from January 2018 across all the states and provided guidance to all the states for implementation of DST guided treatment for all DR TB patients.