

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4120
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD APRIL, 2018**

AFFORDABLE TB MEDICINES

4120. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN:

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

- (a) the number of TB patients in India at present;
- (b) whether it is a fact that we have not succeeded in wiping out this malady from our country;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that some medicines effective in treating some types of TB are not available at low cost; and
- (d) whether Government will take measures to make them available at low price?

ANSWER

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

- (a): As per the Global TB Report 2017, the estimated incidence of Tuberculosis (TB) in the country in the year 2016 is 27.9 lakh.
- (b): No. Since the inception of Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP), more than 2 crore TB patients have been treated and more than 35 lakh additional lives have been saved.

The Government has targeted elimination of TB from the country by the year 2025, 5 years ahead of the global target.

- (c)&d): No. All the drugs required for the treatment of TB are available free of cost at all Public Health Facilities and at willing Private Health Facilities also.

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