

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4128  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL, 2018**

**NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN FOR TB ELIMINATION**

**4128. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has launched the National Strategic Plan for TB elimination 2017-25;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that tuberculosis kills an estimated 4.89 lakh Indians every year and more than 1,400 every day;
- (c) whether India also has more than a million missing cases every year that are not notified; and
- (d) whether most of these cases remain either undiagnosed or unaccountably and inadequately diagnosed and treated in the private sector?

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

- (a): Yes. The Government has launched the National Strategic Plan for TB elimination 2017-25.
- (b): No. As per the Global TB Report 2017, the estimated mortality due to tuberculosis was 4.23 lakh in the year 2016, which is 1158 deaths per day.
- (c) & (d): Yes. As per the Global TB Report 2017, the estimated incidence of TB in India in the year 2016 is 27 lakhs whereas the number of cases notified to the program are 18 lakh. Therefore, it is estimated that around 9 lakh patients are missed by the programme.

These missed cases remain unaccounted and it is presumed that most of these cases seek care in the private sector. But, as a result of program interventions, the notification from private sector has been increasing as follows:

Year	Private Sector Notification
2015	184802
2016	330186
2017	383784

Some of the interventions under the Program to involve Private Sector are as follows:

- Free diagnosis and treatment to all willing patients of private sector.
- Public Health Actions on all notified patients from Private Sector.
- Collaboration with Professional bodies like Indian Medical Association, Indian Association of Paediatrics etc.
- Pilot projects like Universal access to TB care in India (UATBC) project in Mumbai, Mehsana, Patna and Nagpur has been implemented. These have greatly improved the notifications from private sector. Scale up of these projects under the Global Fund grant is being implemented.
- Ministry has issued a Gazette on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018, mandating notification for Private laboratories, Chemists and Clinical Establishments. As per the Gazette, Non notification from these institutions/individuals will attract penalty or imprisonment or both.