

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1427
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01st AUGUST, 2023**

PULMONARY AND EXTRA PULMONARY TB

1427: SHRI RAKESH SINHA:

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

- (a) what are the total number of TB patients in the country and their classifications in pulmonary and extra pulmonary TB;
- (b) the number of deaths from pulmonary and extra pulmonary TB separately;
- (c) whether it is a fact that a large number of TB patients die due to drug resistance; and
- (d) the steps taken to eradicate TB disease ?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

- (a) to (c) As per Ni-kshay portal of the National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP), the details of the TB cases and deaths (pulmonary and extra pulmonary) reported in the country during 2022 and 2023 (till May 2023) are as under:

| | 2022 (Jan-Dec) | | | 2023 (Jan-May) | | |
|---------|----------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------|--------------------|-----------|
| | Pulmonary | Extra Pulmonary | Total | Pulmonary | Extra Pulmonary | Total |
| Cases | 18,15,913 | 5,86,111 | 24,02,024 | 7,91,471 | 2,47,407 | 10,38,878 |
| Deaths* | 88,629 | 17,763 | 1,06,392 | 37,621 | 7,179 | 44,800 |

Source: Ni-kshay – as on 26-07-2023.
*Deaths reported are for those patients who were diagnosed 12 months prior

Out of above deaths reported in Ni-kshay portal, 8208 (7.7%) and 3323 (7.4%) deaths were reported among drug resistant TB patients in 2022 and 2023 (Jan-May), respectively.

- (d) The Government has implemented the National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP) with a goal to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) related to TB by 2025. The key activities implemented under NTEP are as under:
 - 1) State and District Specific Strategic plan for targeted interventions in high-burden areas.
 - 2) Provision of free drugs and diagnostics to TB patients including for drug-resistant TB.
 - 3) Active TB case-finding campaign in key vulnerable and co-morbid populations.
 - 4) Integration with Ayushman Bharat - Health & Wellness Centres to decentralize screening and treatment services closer to the community.

- 5) Private sector engagement including incentives for notification and management of TB cases.
- 6) Scale up of molecular diagnostic laboratories to sub-district levels.
- 7) Ni-kshay Poshan Yojana for nutritional support to TB patients.
- 8) Intensified IEC campaigns to reduce stigma, raise community awareness and improve health seeking behaviour.
- 9) Multi-sectoral response with involvement of line ministries.
- 10) Scale up TB preventive treatment to contacts of pulmonary TB.
- 11) Track notified TB cases through a case-based web-based portal namely Ni-kshay.
- 12) Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyan (PMTBMBA):
 - launched by the Ministry on 9th September 2022 for community support to TB patients with the objective to provide people with TB with additional nutritional, diagnostic and vocational support.
 - Ni-kshay 2.0 portal has been developed and made available in public domain for facilitating the community to register as Ni-kshay Mitra.
 - Guidance documents have been developed and shared with all State/UTs to implement the initiative.
 - Periodic reviews are done to monitor the progress of the initiative at National and State/UT levels.
