

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1874
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH DECEMBER, 2023**

ELIMINATION OF TUBERCULOSIS

1874 SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK:

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

- (a) the prevalence of tuberculosis(TB) in the country and details of Government's plan to eliminate it;
- (b) whether Government has any plans to provide financial incentives, grants and/or subsidies to alleviate the financial burden associated with acquiring the required equipment and also to make quality TB diagnosis accessible all over the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereon?

ANSWER

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

- (a) As per the National TB Prevalence Survey conducted by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the prevalence of all forms of TB cases for all ages in India is 312/lakh population. With the goal of achieving Sustainable Development Goals related to TB by 2025, five years ahead of the global targets, the government has implemented a National Strategic Plan (2017-25) with the following objectives:-
 - Early diagnosis of TB patients, prompt treatment with quality assured drugs and treatment regimens.
 - To engage with the patients seeking care in the private sector.
 - Prevention strategies including active case finding and contact tracing in high risk /vulnerable population.
 - Airborne infection control.
 - Multi-sectoral response for addressing social determinants.
 - Ni-kshay Mitra Initiative under which individuals, corporates or organisations adopt consenting TB patients to provide additional nutritional, diagnostic and vocational support.
 - Screening of vulnerable population during Ayushman Bhavah health camps through Ayushman Arogya Mandir.

(b) and (c) Under the programme, free screening, free diagnostics/tests, and free drugs, are provided to the patients at all public health facilities in the country to reduce financial burden of TB patients. Further, the Government provides financial support of Rs. 500/- per month for nutrition to the people who are receiving treatment for TB disease under Ni-kshay Poshan Yojana (NPY). Since April 2018, an amount of Rs. 2617.44 crores has been disbursed to 95.93 lakh eligible beneficiaries under NPY.
