

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2529
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17th DECEMBER, 2024**

OUTCOME OF THE PMTBMBA AND NI-KSHAY MITRAS INITIATIVE

2529 SHRI JAGGESH:

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

- (a) the outcome of the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan (PMTBMBA) and the Ni-kshay Mitras initiative to ensure additional diagnostic, nutritional and vocational support to those on Tuberculosis (TB) treatment;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the traditional MDR-TB treatments can last up to 20 months with severe side effects;
- (c) whether Government proposes to replace the traditional treatment with a new and more efficient treatment for drug-resistant TB; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time-bound roll out plan of the treatment by the Central TB-Division, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) to (d) The Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan (PMTBMBA) was implemented with effect from 9th September 2022. Since inception 1,79,651 Ni-kshay Mitras have been registered and 23 lakh food baskets have been distributed to 12.01 lakh consented TB patients as on 10th December, 2024. Further, as per information received from States, 820 molecular diagnostic and 37 handheld X-Ray machines have been provided to State Governments by corporate Ni-kshay Mitras.

The Government in 2021, has introduced shorter, safer, all oral drug resistant TB treatment regimen across all States/UTs of the country. This has reduced the treatment duration of drug resistant TB to 9-11 months as compared to conventional treatment of 18-27 months.
