

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 909
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03rd DECEMBER, 2024**

TB FREE INDIA

909. SHRI GHANSHYAM TIWARI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has made significant efforts to make India TB free;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for the period of last five years; and
- (c) the details of the achievement made in the direction of making India TB free through these efforts?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) The National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP) is implemented under the aegis of the National Health Mission (NHM). It implements a National Strategic Plan for TB Elimination (2017-25) across the country. The key efforts and interventions made under the NTEP are:

- Targeted interventions in high TB burden areas through State and District Specific Strategic plans.
- Provision of free drugs and diagnostics to TB patients.
- Active TB case-finding through campaigns in key vulnerable and co-morbid populations.
- Integration of Ayushman Arogya Mandir with TB screening and treatment services.
- Private sector engagement with incentives for notification and management of TB cases.
- Scale up of molecular diagnostic laboratories to sub-district levels.
- Expansion of coverage under Ni-kshay Poshan Yojana for nutritional support to TB patients.
- Intensified Information, Education & Communication (IEC) interventions to reduce stigma, enhance community awareness and improve health seeking behaviour.
- Converge efforts and resources of line ministries for TB elimination.
- Provision of TB Preventive Treatment to contacts of TB patients and vulnerable population.
- Track notified TB cases through Ni-kshay portal.
- Provide additional nutritional, diagnostic and vocational support to TB patients and household contacts under Ni-kshya Mitra initiative.

NTEP has made significant efforts to make India TB free. The incidence rate of TB in India has shown a 17.7% decline from 237 per 100,000 population in 2015 to 195 per 100,000 population in 2023. TB deaths has reduced by 21.4% from 28 per lakh population in 2015 to 22 per lakh population in 2023. The progress made in notification of TB cases in last five years is as under:

	2020 (Jan-Dec)	2021 (Jan-Dec)	2022 (Jan-Dec)	2023 (Jan-Dec)	2024* (Jan-Oct)
TB cases Notified	18,05,670	21,35,830	24,22,121	25,52,257	21,69,438
*Data source: Ni-kshay (As on 19 th Nov 2024)					
