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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1892
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th AUGUST, 2025**

100-DAY TB ELIMINATION CAMPAIGN

1892. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI:

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

- (a) whether shortcomings in India's 100-day Tuberculosis (TB) elimination campaign like limited resources for screening particularly portable X-ray machines, lack of reliable AI-assisted interpretation tool, challenges in effectively reaching and engaging high-risk population, drug-resistant TB etc., have been noticed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures taken in this regard;
- (c) whether a large number of persons have been found to be latently infected;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of further interventions made to sustain the momentum in the fight towards TB elimination?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
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(a) to (e) The Government implemented 100 Days TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyan with a focus on vulnerable population and congregate settings in priority districts. To address the requirement of X-ray for screening vulnerable population, the State/UTs had implemented a resource mapping exercise and based on need, augmented their capacity for X-ray services in public health facilities with utilization of AI enabled hand-held x-rays & identified private facilities. Based on the success, the campaign strategies have been scaled up across the country.

As per the National TB Prevalence Survey (2019-21) conducted by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the country has an estimated 31.3% crude prevalence of latent TB infection among population aged 15 years and above. To address this challenge, under the National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP), household contacts and vulnerable population are screened for TB infection and if eligible, offered TB preventive treatment. In the year 2024 (Jan – Dec), 26.72 lakh eligible individuals were initiated on TB preventive treatment.

Further, under NTEP, the key steps taken to sustain momentum and accelerate response towards TB elimination, are as under:

- Targeted interventions in high TB burden areas through State and District Specific Strategic plans.

- Provision of free drugs and diagnostics to TB patients.
- Intensified TB case-finding among vulnerable populations through mobile diagnostic units for reaching out to remote and rural areas.
- Decentralization of TB screening and treatment services to the Ayushman Arogya Mandir (AAM).
- Private sector engagement with incentives for notification & management of TB cases.
- Scaling up of molecular diagnostic laboratories in all blocks to facilitate early TB diagnosis.
- Ni-kshay Poshan Yojana of Rs 1,000 per month per patient as nutritional support for the entire duration of treatment.
- Intensified Information, Education & Communication (IEC) interventions to reduce stigma, enhance community awareness and improve health seeking behaviour.
- Provision of TB Preventive Treatment to contacts of TB patients and vulnerable population.
- Tracking of notified TB cases through Ni-kshay portal.
- Provision of additional nutritional support to TB patients and household contacts under Ni-kshay Mitra initiative.
