

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1058
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09th DECEMBER, 2025**

**STRENGTHENING OF SCREENING AND TREATMENT UNDER TB-MUKT
BHARAT ABHIYAN**

1058 SHRI HARSH MAHAJAN:

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

- (a) whether Government is taking any special measures under the TB-Mukt Bharat Abhiyan to strengthen screening, diagnosis, and treatment services;
- (b) if so, the manner in which the digital Nikshay portal and community-based support mechanisms are being reinforced;
- (c) whether any new initiatives have been undertaken to enhance or improve the financial and nutritional support provided to TB patients, particularly under the Nikshay Poshan Yojana (NPY); and
- (d) if so, the total amount of assistance disbursed so far and the number of patients who have benefited under these initiatives?

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

(a) to (d) TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyan (National TB Elimination Programme) is implemented under the aegis of National Health Mission (NHM) across the country.

Under TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyan, to identify undiagnosed TB cases, reduce TB-related deaths and prevent new infections across the country, a renewed approach is implemented. This includes identification of vulnerable population, screening with Chest X-ray, upfront Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT) for all presumptive TB cases, prompt & appropriate treatment initiation, differentiated TB care for managing high-risk TB cases, nutrition support and preventive treatment to household contacts and eligible vulnerable population. Ni-kshay portal is used for recording details of all TB patients across the country.

Community engagement is ensured through the comprehensive primary care package of services provided by Ayushman Arogya Mandir (AAM). Intensive Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities are conducted to educate the public and raise awareness about symptoms, TB prevention and the importance of timely treatment for TB. Jan Bhagidari activities are implemented with involvement of Schools, Panchayati Raj

Institutions, Self Help Groups, Anganwadis, local Non-Government Organisations and Civil Society Organizations.

For nutrition support, from 1st November, 2024, the Government has doubled the financial assistance under Ni-kshay Poshan Yojana (NPY) to TB patients from Rs 500 to Rs 1,000 per month per patient, for the entire duration of treatment. Under Ni-kshay Poshan Yojana, since April 2018, Rs 4,322 Cr has been disbursed to 1.35 Cr TB patients

In addition, under the Ni-kshay Mitra Initiative, since September 2022, a total of 45.66 lakh food baskets have been distributed to 20.3 lakh TB patients.
