

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1085
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09th DECEMBER, 2025**

STATUS OF DRUG SUPPLY UNDER NTEP

1085 SMT. RAJANI ASHOKRAO PATIL:

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

- (a) whether there has been any shortage of key anti-TB drugs such as Rifampicin and Ethambutol in Central and State warehouses in recent months;
- (b) the reasons for delay in tender finalisation by the Central TB Division; and
- (c) the measures being taken to ensure uninterrupted drug supply under the National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP)?

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

(a) to (c) TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyan (National TB Elimination Programme) is implemented under the aegis of National Health Mission (NHM) across the country. There are no shortages of any key anti-TB drugs including for Rifampicin and Ethambutol in the Central and State warehouses. Rate contract model has been established for all drugs including newer and shorter regimen drugs for 2025–27, while ensuring adequate buffer.

To strengthen supply chain of quality assured drugs, steps taken are as under:

- Timely submission of indents to the procurement agency
- Real-time tracking of drug availability and utilization through the Drugs & Vaccines Distribution Management System (DVDMS) portal.
- Regular physical stock verification by state, district, and national teams during field visits.
- Supervision, monitoring and periodic reviews at both state and district levels.
- Coordination with suppliers through procurement agency to ensure timely supply of drugs, necessary diagnostics, reagents and kits.
