

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2845  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2026**

**ACCELERATION OF TB-MUKT BHARAT ABHIYAN**

**2845 SHRI RATANJIT PRATAP NARAIN SINGH:**

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

- (a) the steps being taken to accelerate the TB-Mukt Bharat Abhiyan and improve early detection, treatment coverage and community participation;
- (b) the details of new global health collaborations and partnerships being pursued to strengthen disease surveillance, research and healthcare delivery;
- (c) the priorities identified for utilisation of the healthcare budget in the upcoming fiscal year, particularly for public health infrastructure and preventive care; and
- (d) the manner in which these initiatives are expected to improve health outcomes, enhance the resilience of the healthcare system and support India's leadership in global health?

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

(a) to (d) The Government has implemented National TB Elimination Programme, under the aegis of National Health Mission (NHM) across all States/UTs in the country, with the following objectives:

- Early diagnosis of TB patients, prompt treatment with quality assured drugs & treatment regimens.
- Private sector engagement to support patients seeking care in the private sector.
- TB prevention strategies through contact tracing & TB preventive treatment.
- Airborne infection control.
- Multi-sectoral response for addressing social determinants.

As per the World Health Organization's Global TB Report 2025, the annual TB incidence rate has declined by 21% from 237 cases per lakh population in 2015 to 187 cases per lakh population in 2024 and the mortality rate has declined by 25% from 28 deaths per lakh population in 2015 to 21 deaths per lakh population in 2024. The treatment coverage has improved from 53% in 2015 to 92% in 2024.

To address the challenges & accelerate the reduction in TB incidence & mortality, the Government has implemented TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyan since 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024. The key strategies include identification of vulnerable population (includes tribal population) including asymptomatic, screening by Chest X-ray for early detection, upfront Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT) for all presumptive TB cases, timely treatment initiation & completion, differentiated TB care for managing high-risk TB cases, nutrition support and preventive treatment to eligible vulnerable

population. Under the campaign so far, 32.11 lakh TB cases have been identified, including 10.74 lakh asymptomatic cases and initiated on treatment.

The National Health Mission (NHM) provides support for improvement in health infrastructure, availability of adequate human resources in health facilities, to improve availability, affordability and accessibility to quality health care for all including poor and vulnerable sections in urban, rural, and tribal/hilly areas. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provides technical and financial support through the NHM framework to the States/UTs to strengthen the public healthcare system in both urban & rural areas, as per norms & available resources.

Various initiatives carried out under NHM by the Government of India in the country are operationalisation of Ayushman Arogya Mandir (AAM), Free Drugs Service Initiative, Free Diagnostic Service Initiative, National Ambulance Services, Mobile Medical Units, ASHAs, 24 x 7 Services and First Referral Facilities, Prime Minister's National Dialysis Programme, various activities under Reproductive & Child Health, Anaemia Mukht Bharat (AMB) strategy, TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan and Universal Immunization programme.

The budget of 2026-27 has focused on strengthening Mental Health institutes, Emergency and Trauma Care Centres in District Hospitals and Regional Medical Hubs as integrated healthcare complexes

The Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) with an outlay of Rs.64,180 crore aims to provide support for infrastructure development to ensure public health services at rural and urban areas by establishing for Building-less Sub-Health Centres-AAM and Urban-AAM. Support is also provided for Block Public Health Units, Integrated Public Health Laboratories at District level and Critical Care Hospital Blocks.

The XV-Finance Commission has recommended health grants aggregating to Rs.70,051 crore over the period of five years (2021-2026) through Local Governments to strengthen the healthcare system in State.

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