

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2095  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2017**

**TUBERCULOSIS RESEARCH CONSORTIUM**

**2095. SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to implement measures to promote R&D in TB for vaccine development;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has identified any potential vaccine candidates; and
- (d) the funds allocated to the Tuberculosis Research Consortium so far and the quantum of funds earmarked for R&D in Tuberculosis under the National Strategic Plan (NSP) (2017-25)?

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

(a) to (c): Yes, an 'India TB Research Consortium' has been set up for tackling TB in a 'mission mode'. Under the above Consortium, Tata trusts have given a seed grant of Rs.20 crore for two years aiming at better diagnostics for all forms of TB, shorter and safer regimen of TB/MDR-TB, efficacious preventive vaccine.

(d): No funds have been allocated for Tuberculosis Research Consortium so far. Also, no funds have yet been earmarked for R&D in Tuberculosis under the National Strategic Plan (NSP) (2017-25) is not yet available.

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