

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 122
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND FEBRUARY, 2018**

DRUG SUSCEPTIBILITY TESTING

122. SHRI DHARAM VIRA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has published the guidelines for the Drug Susceptibility Testing (DST) guided treatment and the treatment of mono/poly drug resistant TB;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to implement the Universal DST and DST guided treatment for all Drug Resistant TB patients across the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) & (b): Yes. The Ministry has published the guidelines for Drug susceptibility Testing guided treatment of mono/poly drug resistant TB.

The guidelines for implementation are included in the updated Guidelines for Programmatic Management of Drug Resistant Tuberculosis (PMDT) in India 2017 and the necessary guidance has been issued to the States.

(c) & (d): Yes. The Ministry has rolled out Universal DST in all the States. First phase of the Universal Drug Susceptibility and Testing (UDST) was initiated in 19 States/UTs in August 2017 and the remaining States/UTs from January 2018 including patients diagnosed in private sector.