

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6629
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH APRIL, 2018**

MOBILE TB SCREENING

6629. PROF. SADHU SINGH:

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

- (a) whether active screening with mobile TB vans is proposed to be used to detect undiagnosed TB infections;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken/being taken to promote mobile TB screening across the country including Punjab?

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

(a): Yes.

(b): Mobile TB vans are proposed to be used for Active Case Finding. These vans are equipped with diagnostic facilities for Tuberculosis and serve to reach the vulnerable population in slums, tribal, difficult to reach areas, congregate settings, etc. 45 Mobile Vans have been supplied to the States. In addition 35 Mobile vans through Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) have been provided for active case finding in tribal areas.

(c): All States, including the State of Punjab, are undertaking IEC activities with the use of various media like radio, television, newspapers, miking, etc to promote the active case finding efforts by mobile TB vans. In the State of Punjab 1 Mobile van has been provided.