

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2985
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3rd AUGUST, 2018**

UNREPORTED TB AND LEPROSY CASES

2985. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

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

- (a) whether a large number of tuberculosis and leprosy cases are not reported and remain unidentified and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to start a universal screening programme for these two diseases, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether screening for other diseases will also be done under this programme, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which said programme will be launched?

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

(a): As per the WHO Global TB report 2017, the estimated number of TB patients in India is 27.9 lakhs and the total number of notified cases is 17.5 lakhs.

Mid-term evaluation report, 10-21 November, 2014 has indicated that there is presumptive and scientific evidence that the number of cases of leprosy detected is less than the number that occur. The exact magnitude of the gap however is not known.

(b) to (d): Under National Health Mission, universal screening initiative has been undertaken in more than 150 districts where population above 30 years of age is targeted to be screened for Hypertension, Diabetes, common cancer (oral, breast & cervical), Tuberculosis and Leprosy.