

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.79
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 14TH DECEMBER, 2018
NIKSHAY POSHAN YOJANA**

***79. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:**

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

- (a) the details of the scheme formulated under the National Strategic Plan 2017-25 to streamline the process for TB patients approaching private doctors or hospitals;
- (b) the percentage of the registered TB patients seeking treatment in Government and private institutions who have received benefits under the Nikshay Poshan Yojana along with the amount transferred to the patients;
- (c) the efforts made by the Government to inform the patients about the scheme along with the obligations imposed on private institutions to inform the existing registered and future patients about the scheme;
- (d) whether the Government intends to provide nutritional supplements in addition to the direct transfer of funds to the patients; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) Initiatives formulated under the National Strategic Plan 2017-25 to streamline the process for TB patients approaching private doctors or hospitals are:

- ò Free –Drugs
- ò Free Diagnostics including molecular testing
- ò Treatment follow-up
- ò Nutritional assistance
- ò Treatment support through treatment supporters

(b) Payment of benefits under Nikshay Poshan Yojana is an ongoing process. The total amount transferred to TB patients as on date is Rs 49.37 crores.

(c) For dissemination of information on the NIKSHAY Poshan Yojana Scheme to TB patients, awareness material has been designed and disseminated through Radio, TV and social media platforms. The State/Union Territories are also publicising the scheme at the local level.

The Government has initiated two projects to target private providers for disseminating information of newer strategy under the RNTCP including NIKSHAY Poshan Yojana through Indian Medical Association (IMA) and Civil Society Partners under the Joint Effort for Elimination of TB (JEET) Project. Apart from this efforts are made specifically by RNTCP field staff to inform all TB patients about the scheme.

(d)&(e) The Government is encouraging the State/UTs to provide nutrition supplements. National Guidelines on Nutrition Support TB patients have been developed and disseminated to all State/UTs. A mobile application called “N-TB” has also been developed to guide patients on appropriate nutrition.
