

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4437  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2019**

**PRIVATE PLAYERS IN HEALTHCARE SERVICES**

**4437. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA KRISHANA RAJU:**

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to engage private players for providing healthcare services in view of a huge spurt in demand for such services; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) & (b): The Revised National TB Control Programme (RNTCP) is engaging with private health care providers, including hospitals, practitioners, laboratories and pharmacies, for universal coverage of TB services. Details of efforts on engagement of private providers for TB control and prevention are at Annexure.

Under National Programme for Control of Blindness and Visual Impairment (NPCBVI), recurring grants/funds are provided to private players and NGOs through District Health Society route only and after following due procedure, being component of programme. The purpose of the scheme is to utilize the services of NGOs working in the country in the field of eye care to complement the efforts of the government sector for reducing the prevalence of blindness. All the services/ facilities are available in the government hospitals also.

Private Hospitals are empanelled based on pre-defined criteria to provide healthcare to beneficiaries under Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) and Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY).

Broad Guidelines for Private Investments in setting up of Hospitals in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities subsequent to the launch of AB-PMJAY have been issued by the Government in January, 2019.

Details of efforts on engagement of private providers for TB control and prevention are as follows:

- I. TB has been made a legally notifiable disease to get information of all TB patients from all health providers.
- II. For collaboration with private providers, patient provider support agencies have been established to expand coverage of provider engagement and to support patients on a large scale.
- III. Linkages are being established with private sector for providing access free diagnosis and treatment to TB patients.
- IV. Incentives to private sector healthcare service providers have also been put in place for notification of TB cases and reporting of their treatment outcomes.