

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1023
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8th DECEMBER, 2023**

ACUTE SHORTAGE OF TUBERCULOSIS DRUGS

1023. SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the country is facing an acute shortage of tuberculosis drugs, including medicines used for treating drug-resistant TB and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is a shortage of medicines used for treatment of drug-sensitive and drug-resistant TB which has started since last year and has been continuing across till date in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the Government has not been supplying adequate doses of Rifampicin and some drugs used for treating people with Multidrug-resistant TB and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether it is a fact that States across the country have been asked to procure the said drugs themselves with no additional funding provided for the same and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) and (b) There has not been any shortage of anti-tuberculosis drugs, including medicines used for treating drug-sensitive and drug-resistant TB.

(c) and (d) Anti-TB drugs including Rifampicin are centrally supplied under the National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP). There has been regular supply of Anti-TB drugs to all the State/UTs from the central level under the NTEP throughout the year. State/UTs have been provisioned with resources for local procurement for limited quantities as and when required to meet the emergent requirements.
