

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2192
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15th DECEMBER, 2023**

TUBERCULOSIS PATIENTS

2192. SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of Tuberculosis patients have increased following the Covid-19 pandemic in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Government has launched Nikshay Poshan Yojana to support TB patients in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the number of beneficiaries for such scheme during the last three years, year-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b) The Government has made steady progress towards the target of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals related to TB by 2025 in India. As per the Global TB Report 2023, published by the World Health Organisation, the incidence rate of TB in India has shown a 16% decline from 237 per 100,000 population in 2015 to 199 per 100,000 population in 2022. To mitigate the impact of COVID-19 pandemic, intensive efforts for case detection in public and private sector were undertaken and the programme has been able to increase the case detection & bridge the gap of missed cases. The number of TB cases notified in the Ni-kshay portal under the National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP) in last three years and current year so far, is as under:

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023*
TB Notification (In Lakh)	18.05	21.35	24.22	22.31
*Source Ni-kshay-data till 30th November,2023				

(c) and (d) The Government introduced Ni-kshay Poshan Yojana (NPY) in April 2018 for providing Rs 500/month as DBT to support nutrition of TB patients for the entire duration of treatment. Since inception till December 2023, cumulatively Rs 2617.44 Cr have been disbursed to 95.93 lakh eligible beneficiaries. The number of NPY beneficiaries in last three years and current year so far, are as under:

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023*
NPY beneficiaries (In Lakh)	17.38	20.86	23.52	21.11
*Source Ni-kshay-data till 4 th December,2023				