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

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CASES OF TB

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the rising number of Tuberculosis (TB) cases in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/proposed to be taken to address the issue;
- (c) the data on the number of TB cases per 100,000 people in the country, State/UTwise;
- (d) whether the Government is aware of the challenges faced by several states in procuring TB medicines in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to support State institutions in acquiring the required infrastructure and medicines to combat TB effectively 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) to (c) The Government has made steady progress towards the target for 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. The State/UT-wise data for number of TB cases per 100,000 people in the country for last three years and current year for is placed at Annexure-I. Further to achieve SDGs related to TB by 2025, the National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP) implements key activities as under:
 - State and District Specific Strategic plan for targeted interventions in high-burden areas.

- Provision of free drugs and diagnostics to TB patients including for drug-resistant TB.
- 3) Active TB case-finding campaign in key vulnerable and co-morbid populations.
- 4) Integration with Ayushman Arogya Mandir to decentralize screening and treatment services closer to the community.
- 5) Screening of vulnerable population during Ayushman Bhavah health camps through Ayushman Arogya Mandir.
- 6) Private sector engagement including incentives for notification and management of TB cases.
- 7) Scale up of molecular diagnostic laboratories to sub-district levels.
- 8) Ni-kshay Poshan Yojana for nutritional support to TB patients.
- 9) Intensified IEC campaigns to reduce stigma, raise community awareness and improve health seeking behaviour.
- 10) Multi-sectoral response with involvement of line ministries.
- 11) Scale up TB preventive therapy to contacts of pulmonary TB.
- 12) Track notified TB cases through a case-based web-based portal namely Ni-kshay
- 13) Pradhan Mantri TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyan (PMTBMBA):
 - launched by the Ministry on 9th September 2022 for community support to TB patients with the objective to provide people with TB with additional nutritional, diagnostic and vocational support
 - Ni-kshay 2.0 portal has been developed and made available in public domain for facilitating the community to register as Ni-kshay Mitra
 - Guidance documents have been developed and shared with all State/UTs to implement the initiative
 - Periodic reviews are done to monitor the progress of the initiative at National and State/UT levels

(d) and (e) There has been regular supply of Anti-TB drugs to all the State/UTs from the central level under the National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP) throughout the year and regular assessments are conducted to evaluate the stock positions at various levels, from central warehouses to peripheral health institutes. Further, State/UTs have been provisioned with resources for local procurement for limited quantities as and when required to meet the emergent requirements.

Annexure I

State-wise and year-wise TB cases per 1,00,000 populations (Notification rate), in the last three years from 2020 to 2022 and in 2023 till November 2023

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State/UT	2020	2021	2022	2023*
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	123	130	136	118
Andhra Pradesh	122	164	174	164
Arunachal Pradesh	154	163	169	88
Assam	101	106	133	136
Bihar	79	104	125	138
Chandigarh	366	398	502	475
Chhattisgarh	98	106	127	120
Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	120	122	164	116
Delhi	456	534	546	473
Goa	108	130	134	115
Gujarat	173	204	213	195
Haryana	213	231	250	249
Himachal Pradesh	179	191	211	199
Jammu & Kashmir	61	73	82	74
Jharkhand	115	130	140	140
Karnataka	96	104	111	107
Kerala	60	63	67	59
Ladakh	70	83	125	103
Lakshadweep	30	18	17	8
Madhya Pradesh	163	194	214	202
Maharashtra	127	157	183	161
Manipur	50	57	72	57
Meghalaya	113	111	131	119
Mizoram	185	137	160	148
Nagaland	168	175	197	179
Odisha	99	112	128	125
Puducherry	185	226	247	291
Punjab	151	162	181	170
Rajasthan	172	184	209	193
Sikkim	202	206	209	184
Tamil Nadu	86	100	121	121
Telangana	167	159	181	171
Tripura	52	64	75	75
Uttar Pradesh	158	192	218	247
Uttarakhand	172	193	230	210
West Bengal	79	90	100	97

For 2023, the data is till November 2023 and annualized. Data source: Ni-kshay