

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4236
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH DECEMBER, 2019**

ANTI-TB DRUGS PROVIDED BY PRIVATE SECTOR CLINICS

**4236. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:
SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:**

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

(a) the number of districts that have stocked Government provided anti-TB drugs at private clinics and pharmacies, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether 80 per cent of patients getting treatment in the private sector are being provided free anti-TB drugs as per the stipulated targets;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the mechanisms adopted for the purpose and also the States which have achieved this target;

(d) if not, the strategies in place for achieving this target; and

(e) the State-wise number of patients in the private sector who are currently being provided free anti-TB drugs under the TB programme?

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

(a): Anti-TB drugs have been stocked at public sector health facilities and drug stores. For the purpose of provision of free anti-TB drugs to TB patients, drugs are also supplied to private clinics and pharmacies to dispense.

Annexure 1 Number of districts where Government provided anti TB drugs have been given to TB patients who seek care at private clinics and pharmacies

(b to (d): RNTCP has policy of provision of free drugs to all TB patients. All TB patients in public sector avail free anti-TB drug. However, 8% of TB patients notified from private sector availed free anti-TB drugs from the Government.

Mechanism to provide free anti-TB drugs for TB patients include – referral of TB patients to public sector health facility or by dispensing anti-TB drugs at private clinics and pharmacies. Decision on either option of provision of drugs depends on the patients and providers' interaction and convenience

For achieving the target, the programme has actively pursued to advocate with private clinics to prescribe free drugs, the supply chain system is strengthen with support of the field level staff in the States/ UTs and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) at many places and inventory management system - NIKSHAY Aushadhi is deployed.

(e): State wise number of patients in the private sector who are currently being provided free anti-TB drugs under TB programme is placed at Annexure 2.

Annexure-1

Number of districts where Government provided anti TB drugs have been given to TB patients who seek care at private clinics and pharmacies

State	No. of districts
Andhra Pradesh	13
Assam	15
Bihar	20
Chandigarh	1
Chhattisgarh	12
Delhi	22
Gujarat	30
Haryana	21
Himachal Pradesh	4
Jammu & Kashmir	4
Jharkhand	9
Karnataka	31
Kerala	14
Madhya Pradesh	35
Maharashtra	70
Manipur	3
Meghalaya	2
Mizoram	1
Nagaland	1
Odisha	25
Puducherry	1
Punjab	11
Rajasthan	25
Tamil Nadu	33
Telangana	14
Uttar Pradesh	62
Uttarakhand	5
West Bengal	35
Total	519

Annexure 2 State / UT wise No. of patients from private sector who are provided anti-TB drugs by the TB program in 2019

States	No. of patients who are provided anti-TB drugs
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0
Andhra Pradesh	1856
Arunachal Pradesh	0
Assam	511
Bihar	13304
Chandigarh	5
Chhattisgarh	853
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0
Daman & Diu	0
Delhi	264
Goa	0
Gujarat	7935
Haryana	622
Himachal Pradesh	75
Jammu & Kashmir	22
Jharkhand	352
Karnataka	2035
Kerala	394
Lakshadweep	0
Madhya Pradesh	3514
Maharashtra	3441
Manipur	14
Meghalaya	181
Mizoram	4
Nagaland	143
Odisha	766
Puducherry	13
Punjab	1015
Rajasthan	445
Sikkim	0
Tamil Nadu	1892
Telangana	319
Tripura	0
Uttar Pradesh	3975
Uttarakhand	47
West Bengal	5053
Grand Total	49050