

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4482
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH MARCH, 2020**

POLIO AND TB

**4482. SHRI NITESH GANGA DEB:
SHRI JUAL ORAM:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has any road map to achieve 100 per cent TB and Polio free status in the country by the year 2022;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps/measures taken/adopted in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government has achieved the target of Polio and TB free country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) The Government of India has developed a National Strategic Plan (2017-25) for Ending TB in the country by 2025.

India continues to remain polio free since the last case that was reported on 13th January 2011. Regional Certification Commission (RCC) of South East Asia Region (SEAR) of WHO on 27th March 2014 certified SEAR countries including India Polio free.

(c): The Government has adopted the following measures for Ending TB in the country by 2025:

- Early diagnosis of all the TB patients, prompt and appropriate treatment with quality assured drugs and treatment regimens along with suitable patient support systems to promote treatment adherence.
- Engaging with the private sector service providers and the patients seeking care in the private sector.
- Prevention strategies including active case finding and contact tracing in high risk / vulnerable population
- Airborne infection control.
- Multi-sectoral response for addressing social determinants of TB.
- Launching of “TB Harega Desh Jeetega” campaign on 25th September 2019.

Since the country is polio free now, to maintain the polio free status, alongwith routine immunization special Pulse Polio drives are conducted on national Immunization Day and Sub National Immunization Day every year.

(d) & (e): TB free status has not been achieved in country yet.

- India achieved the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) of halting and reversing the epidemic by 2015.
- The Government of India committed that it shall achieve the target for ending the epidemic of TB by 2025, five years ahead of the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) targets of 2030.
- Incidence of TB has reduced from 217 per lakh population in 2015 to 199 in 2018 as per Global TB report.

In view of (a) & (b) above, question does not arise.