

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2208  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020**

**INCREASING TB CASES**

**2208. SHRI POCHA BRAHMANANDA REDDY:**

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

- (a) whether the number of cases and death rate of Tuberculosis patients are increasing in the country, if so, details thereof indicating the number of cases reported during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Government has developed any national plan for eradication of tuberculosis; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) No. As per the Global TB Report 2019, the estimated number of cases and death rate in India has reduced from 2015 as under:

Year	Incidence	Mortality
2015	217/lakh population	36/lakh population
2016	211/lakh population	35/ lakh population
2017	204/lakh population	34/lakh population
2018	199/lakh population	33/lakh population

The total number of TB cases notified during the last three years and current year are as under:

Year	Total No. of notified TB patients
2017 (Jan-Dec)	1827959
2018(Jan-Dec)	2155894
2019 (Jan-Dec)	2404815
2020 (Till Aug 2020)	1176164

(b) & (c) The Government of India is committed to End TB by 2025. Ministry has developed the National Strategic Plan (NSP) for Tuberculosis (2017-2025) with the goal of ending TB by 2025.

The key focus areas are:

- Early diagnosis of all the TB patients, prompt treatment with quality assured drugs and treatment regimens along with suitable patient support systems to promote adherence.
- Engaging with 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.