

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1999
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH FEBRUARY, 2021**

NOTIFICATION OF TB CASES

**1999. SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:
SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has expressed concern over the 60 percent decline in notification of TB cases during the lockdown period resulting in higher household transmission leading to spurt in cases;
- (b) whether the Government has taken measures for normalization of TB disease eradication programme;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and instructions issued to States to take immediate steps to see the rise in such cases and take suitable measures to restrict such cases; and
- (d) the other steps taken by the Government in consultation with States in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a): For the period Jan to Dec 2020, 18.03 lakh TB cases were notified which is 25% less than 24.04 TB cases reported in 2019. Currently, there are no evidences to suggest that there are spurt in TB cases resulting from higher household transmission.

(b) to (d): Government has taken multiple measures for normalization of TB disease eradication programme:

- i. Provision of free TB drugs of extended duration and door-step delivery
- ii. Guidance on ensuring uninterrupted functioning of TB diagnostic laboratories.
- iii. Issuing multiple advisories to States and districts to ensure uninterrupted services during COVID-19
- iv. Guidance for Bi-directional TB-COVID screening and screening of TB among ILI/SARI cases issued to State/UTs.
- v. Multiple reviews with State Government to monitor progress in implementation of National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP).