

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1044
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 03rd DECEMBER, 2021**

NSP FOR ELIMINATION OF TB

1044. SHRI DEVJI M PATEL:

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

- a) The time by which the Final National Strategic Plan for Elimination of TB (NSP 2017-25) is likely to be launched and operationalized;
- b) The portion of the funds earmarked for implementation of NSP (2017-25) are to be utilized for social welfare assistance scheme as suggested in the new strategic plan;
- c) The details of the new schemes linked with the existing schemes being implanted for eradication of TB; and
- d) The details of mechanism but in place to ensure inter-ministerial coordination for smooth linking of TB related programmes and other related social welfare schemes?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(Dr. BHARTI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (d): The National Strategic Plan (2017-25) for ending TB in India is implemented by the Ministry in all State/UTs since May 2017.

The Ministry has initiated a nutritional support scheme for providing Rs 500/month for the duration of treatment to all TB patients. This incentive is provided through Direct Benefit Transfer and requisite funds are provisioned to the States annually based on demand. The amount of funds provisioned for Nikshay Poshan Yojana over the last three years is as under:

(In Crore Rupees)

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Total budget allocated	3333.21	3109.93	3409.94
Budget allocated for NPY	590.36	610.65	680.74
% of total budget	17.71 %	19.63 %	19.96 %

A document on “State Initiatives on Patient Support System for TB Elimination in India” was released in November, 2018 highlighting the best practices by various State/UTs to link every TB patient with available State/District specific social welfare schemes, in collaboration with relevant line departments.

At the national level, the Ministry is collaborating with line departments to create enabling provisions for TB patients in social welfare schemes of the respective Ministries. Nodal Officers in concerned Ministries have been identified and regular meetings are taken to take forward the collaboration.
