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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3254
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17TH DECEMBER, 2021**

NATIONAL TUBERCULOSIS ELIMINATION PROGRAMME

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

- (a) whether achievements have been made in reduction of Tuberculosis incidence and death rate in line with the target to eliminate TB by 2025, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has taken into cognizance that dealing with COVID-19 pandemic is likely to hinder achievement of above goal, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the number of TB notifications have decreased since the beginning of the pandemic in India, if so, the details thereof, State/ UT- wise
- (d) whether the Government has strategized to reduce morbidity and mortality rates of TB infected pregnant women amidst the crisis of COVID-19; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (e) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is implementing a National Strategic Plan for Ending TB by 2025. As per the Global TB Report, 2021, the country has reduced the incidence of TB from 217/lakh population in 2015 to 188/lakh population in 2020 (a 13% decline). The death rate has declined from 36/lakh population in 2015 to 33/lakh population in 2019.

During the COVID pandemic, proactive initiatives were taken to provide uninterrupted diagnostic and treatment services. Special outreach activities were also undertaken to identify presumptive TB cases.

During the year 2020 (Jan - Dec), a total of 18.12 lakh TB cases were notified under the programme which was 25% less than the total cases notified in 2019 (which was 24.00

lakhs). In 2021, in spite of a larger wave of COVID-19, the programme has been able to notify 17.6 lakh TB cases (till Oct,2021), which is 18% higher compared to 2020.

To mitigate the impact of COVID and to ensure that all TB patients including pregnant women have uninterrupted access to drugs and diagnostics, the Ministry has taken several steps including:

- i. Active TB case finding campaign in key vulnerable and co-morbid population
- ii. Integration with Ayushman Bharat- Health & Wellness Centres to decentralize screening and treatment services closer to the community
- iii. Provision of free TB drugs of extended duration and door-step delivery during COVID times
- iv. Implementation of bi-directional TB-COVID screening and TB screening / testing for all presumptive cases with influenza like illness (ILI) and Severe Acute Respiratory Infections (SARI)
- v. Scale up of molecular diagnostic laboratories to sub-district levels
- vi. Sample collection and transportation system from Sub Centre to PHC, PHC to CHC and from CHC to District / State level laboratories
- vii. Intensified IEC campaigns to raise community awareness

State / UT-wise TB notification

Sr. No.	State/UTs	2019	2020	2021 (Jan-Oct)
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	587	480	417
2	Andhra Pradesh	98869	64119	70130
3	Arunachal Pradesh	2938	2523	2347
4	Assam	48669	35486	30776
5	Bihar	122671	99661	108869
6	Chandigarh	7026	4319	3948
7	Chhattisgarh	43718	29387	26294
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	1497	964	821
9	Delhi	107982	87019	87669
10	Goa	2410	1666	1634
11	Gujarat	159158	120623	119800
12	Haryana	73997	62967	58203
13	Himachal Pradesh	17446	13450	12396
14	Jammu & Kashmir	11860	8850	9165
15	Jharkhand	56632	45767	44061
16	Karnataka	91703	65955	59035
17	Kerala	25617	20925	18021
18	Ladakh	#N/A	238	229
19	Lakshadweep	15	20	12
20	Madhya Pradesh	187407	138059	136988
21	Maharashtra	227348	160629	156672
22	Manipur	2553	1581	1495
23	Meghalaya	5528	4147	3436
24	Mizoram	2944	2223	1504
25	Nagaland	4794	3575	3159
26	Odisha	53612	45726	42708
27	Puducherry	4606	2772	2927
28	Punjab	58204	46379	43539
29	Rajasthan	175218	137958	125999
30	Sikkim	1432	1335	1165

Sr. No.	State/UTs	2019	2020	2021 (Jan-Oct)
31	Tamil Nadu	110845	70550	67551
32	Telangana	71655	63351	49596
33	Tripura	2761	2072	2082
34	Uttar Pradesh	486385	368348	380520
35	Uttarakhand	26060	20091	19073
36	West Bengal	110668	79428	75385