

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2251
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th JULY, 2022**

NUTRITIONAL CARE AND SUPPORT FOR TB PATIENTS

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

- (a) whether the Government has adopted the World Health Organization guideline, 2013 for the nutritional care and support of TB patients in the country;
- (b) if so, the salient features and objectives of the guideline;
- (c) whether the Government is adopting specific measures on the issue of malnutrition observed in about a million patients suffering from TB in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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(a) & (b) The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has developed guidelines in 2017 for Nutritional Care and Support for patients with Tuberculosis. These guidelines are consistent with WHO Guideline-Nutritional Care and Support for patients with Tuberculosis (2013). The salient features and objective of the guidelines are as under:

- 1) To provide guidance on nutritional assessment and counselling of patients with active TB and their contacts.
- 2) To provide guidance on management of undernutrition (micronutrient and macronutrient) in patients with active TB.
- 3) To provide operational guidelines for implementation of nutritional support to households with patients with active TB.

(c) & (d) The specific measures adopted by the Government to address the issue of malnutrition observed in TB patients are as under:

1. Financial incentive of Rs. 500/month for the duration of the treatment is provided as Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to TB patients under Ni-kshay Poshan Yojna (NPY) for nutritional support.
2. Nutritional assessment and counselling of TB patients and their household contacts.
3. Targeted IEC activities for community awareness on importance of adequate nutrition and its health impact.
4. Active case finding for early detection and management of TB in undernourished population.
