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

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 261 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13TH DECEMBER, 2024

ERADICATION OF TB BY 2025

†*261. SHRI KANWAR SINGH TANWAR: SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

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

- (a) whether the Government has set the target for eradication of Tuberculosis (TB) by 2025 in the country, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to meet the target thereof;
- (b) whether the progress made under the Government's commitment to 'End TB by 2025' is in line with the target set, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to meet the target thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has launched any programme for eradication of TB and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for implementation of the said programme in the country including in the State of Chhattisgarh;
- (d) the total number of TB patients across the country as on date particularly in Amroha Parliamentary Constituency, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) whether the introduction of shorter oral regimens for drug-resistant (DR-TB) has improved treatment outcomes and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 261 FOR 13TH DECEMBER, 2024

Government of India has implemented a National Strategic Plan (2017-2025) with a view to eliminate TB by 2025, five years ahead of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target of 2030. The Ministry implements the National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP) under the aegis of the National Health Mission (NHM). NTEP has made significant efforts to make India TB free. The incidence rate of TB in India has shown a 17.7% decline from 237 per 100,000 population in 2015 to 195 per 100,000 population in 2023. TB deaths has reduced by 21.4% from 28 per lakh population in 2015 to 22 per lakh population in 2023.

The steps taken by the Government in all States/UTs (including Chhattisgarh), to achieve the above mentioned goals are:

- Targeted interventions in high TB burden areas through State and District Specific Strategic plans.
- Provision of free drugs and diagnostics to TB patients.
- Active TB case-finding through campaigns in key vulnerable and co-morbid populations.
- Integration of Ayushman Arogya Mandir with TB screening and treatment services.
- Private sector engagement with incentives for notification & management of TB cases.
- Scaling up of molecular diagnostic laboratories to sub-district levels.
- Expansion of coverage under Ni-kshay Poshan Yojana for nutritional support to TB patients.
- Intensified Information, Education & Communication (IEC) interventions to reduce stigma, enhance community awareness and improve health seeking behaviour.
- Convergence of efforts and resources of line ministries for TB elimination.
- Provision of TB Preventive Treatment to contacts of TB patients and vulnerable population.
- Tracking of notified TB cases through Ni-kshay portal.
- Provision of additional nutritional, diagnostic and vocational support to TB patients and household contacts under Ni-kshay Mitra initiative.

The number of reported TB cases in Amroha district of Uttar Pradesh in 2023 & 2024 (till 31.10.2024) is 3,574 & 3,498, respectively. State/UT-wise details of number of reported TB cases in 2023 & current year (till 31.10.2024) is placed at **Annexure-I.**

Shorter oral regimen for drug resistant TB was introduced in 2021. This intervention has improved treatment success rates of drug resistant TB patients from 68% in 2020 to 75% in 2022.

Annexure-I

State/UT wise TB cases reported since 2022 to 2024*		
State/UT	2023	2024 (Jan- Oct)
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	561	445
Andhra Pradesh	89064	69371
Arunachal Pradesh	2604	2430
Assam	51862	42202
Bihar	186974	167193
Chandigarh	6721	5885
Chhattisgarh	38924	32526
Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	1167	889
Delhi	100523	88868
Goa	2082	1710
Gujarat	144507	113431
Haryana	80490	73703
Himachal Pradesh	15648	13429
Jammu & Kashmir	11754	10442
Jharkhand	61717	53213
Karnataka	81862	65186
Kerala	21799	17267
Ladakh	320	235
Lakshadweep	6	6
Madhya Pradesh	184691	149093
Maharashtra	227664	186706
Manipur	2495	2067
Meghalaya	4908	3890
Mizoram	2273	1985
Nagaland	4287	3419
Odisha	62387	48917
Puducherry	4169	2843
Punjab	55224	49739
Rajasthan	165123	145405
Sikkim	1391	1122
Tamil Nadu	98251	77820

Telangana	74994	62722
Tripura	3386	2760
Uttar Pradesh	632872	563573
Uttarakhand	26829	24984
West Bengal	102728	83962

Data source: Ni-kshay