

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2014  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

**RISING CASES OF TB AMONG PRISONERS**

**2014. SHRI RAJA A:**

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

- (a) whether as per WHO report, prisoners in India are 5 times more at risk of developing tuberculosis than the general population and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any study has been made to address the issue and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that number of prisoners who develop TB remain undiagnosed for long periods, resulting in increasing the incidence of TB and deaths of many jail-mates and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the efforts made to detect, treat and prevent TB in prisons in the country?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE  
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) to (d) The government has developed and issued guidelines titled “The Operational Guidelines on HIV/TB Intervention in Prisons and other Closed Settings” to address the challenges of TB in prisons and to provide TB prevention, screening and treatment services to all inmates living in prisons and other closed settings. Under the National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP) periodic screening for TB is conducted in prisons and free diagnostic and treatment services are provided to those prison inmates detected with TB. The details of TB cases notified among general population and among prison inmates during the last 3 years are as under:

Type of Population	2022 (Jan-Dec)	2023 (Jan-Dec)	2024 (Jan-Oct)
General population	2425974	2552257	2169438
Among prison inmates	1296	1252	911
Deaths reported among prisoners with TB	28	35	16

(Data source: Ni-kshay).

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