

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 832  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2025**

**RESEARCH ON TB CASES**

**832. SHRI SASIKANTH SENTHIL:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of research studies that project 62 million new TB cases and 8.1 million deaths between 2021 and 2040 in view of the country with the largest tuberculosis burden and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve case detection rates and implement more effective TB treatment regimens to achieve the WHO target of 90 percent case detection;
- (c) whether the Government plans to invest in the development and scaling up of high-efficacy treatment regimens such as a 95 percent effective pan-TB treatment and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the current funding allocation and utilisation under National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP) since its inception in 2020?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d) As per the Global TB Report 2024 published by the World Health Organisation (WHO), the incidence rate of TB in India has shown a 17.7% decline from 237 per lakh population in 2015 to 195 per lakh population in 2023. The National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP) is implemented under the aegis of National Health Mission (NHM) across the country. The steps taken by the Government to improve case detection rates and implement more effective TB treatment regimens to achieve national goal are as under:

- 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 and management of TB cases.
- Scale 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 interventions to reduce stigma, enhance community awareness and improve health seeking behaviour.

- Converge efforts and resources of line ministries for TB elimination.
- Provision of TB Preventive Treatment to contacts of TB patients and vulnerable population.
- Track notified TB cases through Ni-kshay portal.
- Provide additional nutritional, diagnostic and vocational support to TB patients and household contacts under Ni-kshya Mitra initiative.

The Government has introduced all newer drugs and treatment regimen as recommended by the WHO and as validated and recommended by the Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR).

The details of the budgetary allocation and utilisation under National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP) for the financial year from 2020-21 to 2024-25 (till 29.01.2025) are as under:

Year	Budgetary Allocation (Rs. in crores)	Utilisation (Rs. in crores)
2020-21	3109.93	3097.98
2021-22	3409.94	2086.82
2022-23	1666.33*	910.83
2023-24	1888.82*	1179.68
2024-25 <sup>#</sup>	2071.03*	2197.78

\* from the year 2022-23 onwards the allocation is excluding of cash grant to States/UTs which is being released by NHM directly to States/ UTs as a common pool i.e. RCH Flexible Pool which includes TB.

<sup>#</sup> Till 29.01.2025.

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