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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2194 TO BE ANSWERED ON 01st AUGUST, 2025

ELIMINATION OF TUBERCULOSIS

2194. SHRI G KUMAR NAIK:

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

- (a) the details of approach method adopted by Government to combat tuberculosis as per the National Tuberculosis Elimination Program;
- (b) the details of target set and target achieved so far under the said programme, State-wise and district-wise in Karnataka;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted/plans to conduct any studies or evaluations regarding TB control strategies and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the budget allocated and utilised under the said programme during the last three years;
- (e) whether there are any plans to increase funding to intensify TB control efforts, especially in rural districts and Aspirational districts and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the specific measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to address challenges in TB diagnosis, treatment access and public awareness, especially to reduce stigma and improve treatment adherence to prevent the spread of drug-resistant TB?

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

- (a) to (f) To address Tuberculosis (TB), the Government has implemented the National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP) under the aegis of the National Health mission with key strategies as under:
 - promotion of early diagnosis of TB patients, prompt treatment with quality assured drugs
 - involvement of private sector in TB care
 - implementation of prevention strategies including TB preventive treatment and contact tracing in high risk/vulnerable population and
 - airborne infection control.

The State-wise targets set for notification of TB cases and achievement including the State of Karnataka for the year 2024 is placed as **Annexure - I.**

The Government through Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has conducted the National TB Prevalence Survey in 20 State/Group of States in 2021. In addition, District level

Annual Surveys are conducted to monitor the trends of the TB incidence at the State/UTs/District level. Through this methodology, State/UTs/District level estimates of TB disease are derived and measured against the baseline of 2015. Three rounds of this exercise has been conducted in 2020, 2021 & 2022.

To intensify efforts & to achieve national goals for TB elimination, including for aspirational districts & rural areas, in the year 2025-26 an amount of Rs. 3259.26 crores has been allocated excluding a cash grant of Rs 2318.80 crores as part of RCH Flexipool. The budget allocated & utilized under NTEP for the last 3 years is placed as **Annexure - II**.

Further, under NTEP, the key steps taken to ensure diagnosis of TB, treatment & increase public awareness across the country 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.
- Intensified TB case-finding among vulnerable populations through mobile diagnostic units for reaching out to remote and rural areas.
- Decentralization of TB screening and treatment services to the Ayushman Arogya Mandir (AAM).
- Private sector engagement with incentives for notification & management of TB cases.
- Scaling up of molecular diagnostic laboratories in all blocks to facilitate early TB diagnosis.
- Ni-kshay Poshan Yojana of Rs 1,000 per month per patient as nutritional support for the entire duration of treatment.
- Intensified Information, Education & Communication (IEC) interventions to reduce stigma, enhance community awareness and improve health seeking behaviour.
- 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 support to TB patients and household contacts under Ni-kshay Mitra initiative.

Annexure referred to in the reply to parts (a) to (f) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2194 for answer on 01.08.2025.

 $\label{eq:Annexure-I} Annexure-I$ State wise Targets and Achievement in TB Notification for 2024:

States/UTs	Target for TB Notification	TB Notification achievement
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	500	534
Andhra Pradesh	100000	83960
Arunachal Pradesh	3500	2848
Assam	55000	50456
Bihar	250000	204309
Chandigarh	7000	6960
Chhattisgarh	50000	39593
Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	1100	1037
Delhi	110000	105343
Goa	2000	2079
Gujarat	145000	137955
Haryana	95000	86635
Himachal Pradesh	15000	15607
Jammu & Kashmir	12000	12200
Jharkhand	63000	63670
Karnataka	90000	78369
Kerala	23000	20843
Ladakh	260	293
Lakshadweep	10	8
Madhya Pradesh	190000	181026
Maharashtra	250000	230163
Manipur	3500	2497
Meghalaya	5500	4564
Mizoram	3000	2312
Nagaland	5000	4059
Odisha	65000	60608
Puducherry	4100	3700
Punjab	70000	59020
Rajasthan	170000	171921
Sikkim	1300	1313
Tamil Nadu	110000	93276
Telangana	82000	76611
Tripura	3000	3320
Uttar Pradesh	650000	681779
Uttarakhand	28000	29334
West Bengal	125000	99721
India	2787770	2617923

Data source: Ni-kshay

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Annexure – II

Budget Allocation & Utilization under NTEP for last 3 years

(Rs. in crores)

Sr. No.	Year	Allocation	Utilization
1	2022-23	1666.33*	910.83
2	2023-24	1888.82*	1179.68
3	2024-25	3176.40*	3173.26

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