

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2526
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13th FEBRUARY 2026**

TB-FREE GRAM PANCHAYATS IN KANGRA

†2526. DR. RAJEEV BHARADWAJ:

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

- (a) whether any Gram Panchayats in the Baijnath Sub-Division of Kangra District have been declared TB-free under the TB Free India Programme and if so, the details thereof along with the names of such Gram Panchayats; and
- (b) the criteria or benchmarks adopted by the Government for declaring a region as TB-free under the said programme?

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

(a) & (b) Under the TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyan (National TB Elimination Programme), TB Mukht Panchayat initiative has been implemented since 2023. In Baijnath sub-division of Kangra District, Himachal Pradesh, the Gram Panchayats that were certified as TB-free in 2023 and 2024 are as under:

Year	Name of Gram Panchayats
2023	Madhonagar, Kukena
2024	Averi, Tikkri Duhki, Bandian, Daraman, Deol, Dhanag, Gunehad, Keori, Narghor, Panjala and Sakdi

The criteria for certification of TB Free Gram Panchayat adopted under the programme are as under:

- Number of presumptive TB examination / 1000 population
- TB notification rate / 1000 population
- Treatment success rate
- Drug susceptibility testing rate
- Payments made under Ni-kshay Poshan Yojana
- Nutritional support to TB patients under Ni-kshay Mitra initiative
