

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2784  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2023**

**ELIMINATION OF TB**

**2784. SHRIMATI KAVITHA MALOTHU:  
SHRI VENKATESH NETHABORLAKUNTA:  
SHRI VINOD L. CHAVDA:  
DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:**

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

- (a) the timeline of fixing target to eliminate TB from the country and the reasons for not been able to achieve the target so far;
- (b) the extent to which PM TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan launched recently is likely to eliminate TB from the country by 2025 and the roadmap drawn in this regard; and
- (c) the details of number of individuals, NGOs, corporates, etc., who have joined/contributed to eliminating TB from the country since the policy decision was initially taken in this regard?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE**

**(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

- (a) The Government implements the National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP) under the aegis of the National Health Mission (NHM). With the goal of achieving Sustainable Development Goals related to TB by 2025, five years ahead of the global targets, the programme is implemented with the following objectives: -
  1. Early diagnosis of TB patients, prompt treatment with quality assured drugs and treatment regimens.
  2. To engage with the patients seeking care in the private sector.
  3. Prevention strategies including active case finding and contact tracing in high risk/vulnerable population.
  4. Airborne infection control.

As per the Global TB Report, 2022, the incidence of TB in India has reduced by 18% from 256/lakh population in 2015 to 210/lakh population, which is 7 percentage points better than the global average of 11%.

(b) and (c) The Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan was launched on 9th September 2022 for community support to TB patients with the objective to provide TB patients with additional nutritional, diagnostic and vocational support, to improve treatment outcomes as well as reduce morbidity and mortality. The key initiatives and achievements (as on 14.03.2023) are as under:

- 1) A total of 71,460 Ni-kshay Mitras have come forward to adopt about 10 lakh consented TB patients for providing additional support. This includes 46217 individuals, 2515 NGOs, 1201 corporates, 776 co-operatives, 6814 elected representatives and political parties, 5593 institutions and 8344 other categories
- 2) Ni-kshay 2.0 portal has been developed and made available in public domain for the community to register as Ni-kshay Mitra.
- 3) Guidance documents have been developed and shared with all State/UTs to implement the initiative.
- 4) Advocacy meetings at national and State level with corporates, industries, business associations and NGOs.
- 5) Active involvement of Hon'ble Governors & Lt Governors in the initiative
- 6) Capacity building of all stakeholders at State / District level has been conducted.

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