

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1145
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8th DECEMBER, 2023**

ELIMINATION OF TUBERCULOSIS

1145. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India accounts for 27 per cent of the total tuberculosis (TB) cases in the world as per Global TB Report 2023 of WHO;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has set any target date for elimination of TB in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the progress achieved in this regard; and
- (e) whether the Government has undertaken any survey on the financial impact of TB disease in the country and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (e): as per the Global TB Report 2023, published by the World Health Organisation, the estimated incidence of TB in India for 2022 was 28 lakh cases, which accounted for 26.4% of the global burden of 106 lakhs.

With the goal to achieve Sustainable Development Goals related to TB by 2025, five years ahead of the global targets, the Government has implemented the National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP) under the aegis of the National Health Mission (NHM) 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.
- 5) Ni-kshay Mitra Initiative under which individuals, corporates or organisations adopt consenting TB patients to provide additional nutritional, diagnostic and vocational support.

6) Screening of vulnerable population during Ayushman Bhavah health camps through Ayushman Arogya Mandir.

As per the Global TB Report 2023, published by the World Health Organisation, the incidence rate of TB in India has shown a 16% decline from 237 per 100,000 population in 2015 to 199 per 100,000 population in 2022. During the same period, the TB mortality rate has shown a 18% decline from 28 per lakh population in 2015 to 23 per lakh population in 2022.

Under the programme, free screening, free diagnostics/tests, and free drugs, are provided to the patients at all public health facilities in the country to reduce financial burden of TB patients. Further, the Government provides financial support for nutrition to the people who are receiving treatment for TB disease under Nikshay Poshan Yojana (NPY). So far Rs. 2617.44 crores is disbursed to the beneficiaries under NPY.
