

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 756  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2024**

**ANTI - TUBERCULAR TREATMENT**

**756: SHRI VISHALDADA PRAKASHBAPU PATIL**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware about recurring shortage of Anti-Tubercular Treatment (ATT) in the country during the last three years and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government has adopted any mechanisms and put in place in the country to urgently resolve the said issue particularly in the high burden States and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the challenges being faced by the States in procuring the TB medicines on their own, State-wise;
- (d) the list of districts facing shortage of TB medicines, State-wise; and
- (e) the impact on the treatment outcome due to interruptions caused by ATT drug rupture as per the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP) for the high-burden States?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (e) Adequate availability and uninterrupted supply of anti-TB drugs are vital components of the National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP). The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare conducts regular assessment to monitor stock levels across states /UTs. Release Orders / Transfers Orders are issued routinely from central level to the states and UTs to replenish the stock position of anti TB drugs. Additionally, States and UTs have been equipped with resources under NHM for local procurement of anti-tuberculosis drugs in limited quantities, to address any emergent needs promptly.

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