

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:175
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NATIONAL TB CONTROL PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to launch a revised TB control programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of TB patients at present, State-wise;
- (d) whether any target has been fixed to control the disease;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the funds earmarked for this purpose;
- (f) the number of deaths occurred due to TB during 1999-2000 State-wise; and
- (g) the steps proposed to be taken to control TB in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a)to(g): A statement is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 175 FOR ANSWER ON 07.03.2000

(a) The Revised National TB Control Programme (RNTCP) was launched in March, 1997.

(b)&(g): The revised strategy has the following components:-

- i) Emphasis on diagnosis of infectious patients through high quality microscopy by providing Binocular Microscopes.
- ii) To achieve 85% cure of all detected new smear positive cases through administration of directly observed Short Course Chemotherapy.
- iii) Augmentation of the case finding activities to detect 70% of new sputum positive cases.
- iv) Ensuring uninterrupted drug supply by providing drugs in patient wise boxes.

To run the programme successfully the following steps have been taken:-

- i) Strengthening of the TV cells at the Central and State level.
- ii) Strengthening of the Training Institutions for Tuberculosis at the Central and State level.
- iii) Intensive training is being provided to the medical and para-medical personnel.
- iv) Release of funds directly to State/District TB societies.
- v) Decentralisation of diagnostic services by establishing Microscopy centres for

approximately one lakh population and placing DOTs centres for providing treatment near to the patients residence.

The Revised strategy is being implemented in a phased manner to cover a population of 400 million by 2002. About 140 million population has already been covered under the RNTCP. It is expected that in another 3-4 months this will increase to 250 million. This strategy is also under implementation in five tribal districts of Orissa with DANIDA assistance. All 14 tribal districts are expected to be covered by 2002. Andhra Pradesh will also be covered in phases under DFID assistance.

(c) State-wise present number of TB patients is not available.

(d) The target under RNTCP is to achieve a treatment success rate of at least 85% of new sputum smear positive cases and to detect 70% of such cases.

(e) Funds earmarked for the purpose are as under:-

World Bank assistance RNTCP .. Rs.749.30 crores
DANIDA assistance RNTCP in Orissa .. Rs. 31.95 crores
DFID assistance RNTCP AP (proposed) .. Rs.109.93 crores

(f) The indicative figure of annual death due to T.B. is 0.5 million for the country. No State-wise statistical estimate is available.