

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

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ERADICATION OF TB
ANANTA NAYAK;NANDIPAKU VENKATASWAMY

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

- (a) whether any target date has been fixed to eradicate Tuberculosis (TB) from the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the position as on date State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) : No, Sir. Due to epidemiological situation pertaining to TB disease, it is not possible to fix any specific target date for its eradication. It is estimated that, on an average, there is a case load of about 220 TB patients per 1 lakh population in the country, out of which about 135 patients per lakh population are expected to report to the Government sector, for treatment. To achieve a cure rate of 85% of new sputum positive cases and to detect at least 70% of such cases, Revised National TB Control Programme (RNTCP) is being implemented in the country in a phased manner. About 460 million population have been covered in about 220 districts of country. It is envisaged to cover 800 million population by 2004 and entire country by 2005.