

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

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

- (a) whether some of the States have not been covered under TB Control Programme;
- (b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government would take necessary steps to create awareness among TB patients and masses regarding the spread of the disease;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government monitor the utilization of funds received from the World Bank for this purpose; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) The National TB Control Programme has been in operation in all the States and UTs since 1962. 600 million population has also been covered under the Revised National TB Control Programme (RNTCP). It is proposed to cover the entire country by 2005. All States have been asked to start preparatory schemes in other areas.

(c) & (d) To create awareness about TB the following steps are being taken:

- Facts about TB and DO's and DONT's are published in the leading National Newspapers from time to time. Similarly, State/District TB Societies also publish the same in the regional and local newspapers.

- Funds are provided to State/District TB Societies for undertaking IEC activities for awareness generation at local levels.

- Districts have been advised to ensure wall paintings in Microscopy and DOT Centres and at prominent places specially in areas with large population; inauguration of start of service delivery at every MC and in the district by inviting public representatives and opinion leaders; holding of inter-personal meetings specially in slum areas and utilizing services of cured patients etc.

- Services of a mass media agency have been hired at the Central level to plan and execute IEC activities especially through media.

(e) & (f) Yes Sir. Utilization of funds by the State/District TB Societies are monitored through analysis of quarterly statements of expenditure submitted by them to the Central TB Division and by quarterly review meetings in States. Guidelines for District TB Societies have been framed and widely circulated to the societies to facilitate utilization of funds and proper maintenance of accounts. Accounts of Societies are audited annually.