

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:445
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DRUG RESISTANT TUBERCULOSIS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as per the World Health Organisation's (WHO) Report, half of the drug-resistant tuberculosis patients are in India and China;
- (b) if so, the facts and the details in this regard; and
- (c) the measures taken/proposed by the Government for the early diagnosis and treatment of such patients?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a)to(c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 445 FOR 27TH AUGUST,2010

As per Multi-Drug Extensively Drug Resistant TB-2010 Global Report on Surveillance and Response of World Health Organisation (WHO), it is estimated that India and China together account for about 45% of Multi-Drug Resistant TB (MDR-TB) cases globally. In terms of numbers, out of 440,000 cases of MDR-TB occurring world over, India and China contribute an estimated 99,000 and 1,00,000 cases respectively.

Under Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP),DOTS Plus services for the diagnosis and management of MDR-TB are presently available in 10 States, and 2300 MDR-TB patients have been placed on treatment. With a view to strengthening laboratory support for early diagnosis of MDR-TB cases, 18 laboratories have been accredited for Quality Assured Culture and Drug Sensitivity Testing. Availability of MDR-TB services in all States and accreditation of 25 more laboratories by the end of 2010-11 are also part of plan under RNTCP.