

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL PROGRAMME

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of a recent report of the World Health Organisation (WHO) which states that Tuberculosis has a huge economic impact which has caused India to lose an estimated 23.7 billion US dollars in 2006;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the facts in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has fixed certain targets in respect of identification, detection and treatment of patients suffering from Tuberculosis under the Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP);
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the extent to which these targets have been achieved so far, State/UT-wise;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to further revise the RNTCP for the quality care of all the TB patients; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY)

(a) & (b): No such report of WHO has been published. However, the bulletin of WHO (volume 88, number3, March 2010) makes a passing reference to an estimated loss of US dollar 23.7 billion on account of TB in 2006.

(c) & (d): RNTCP has the twin objectives of achieving and maintaining treatment success rate of at least 85% among New Smear Positive (NSP) patients and case detection rate of at least 70% of the estimated NSP cases in the community.

State/UT –wise achievements against the targets are given in Annexure.

(e) & (f): RNTCP lays emphasis on universal access to quality diagnostic and treatment services including those for Multi-Drug Resistant TB and TB-HIV co-infection through community empowerment, mobilization of community-based organizations and involvement of formal and informal private health care providers.