

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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MULTI-DRUG RESISTANT TUBERCULOSIS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cases of Multi-Drug Resistant (MDR)-TB and Extensively Drug Resistant (XDR)-TB are spreading in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up Advanced Reference Test Labs in the country exclusively to detect XDRTB;
- (d) if so, the number of test labs set up or likely to be set up in the country, Statewise; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to control the spread of MDR-TB and XDR-TB?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) As per WHO Global Report on Surveillance and Monitoring-2010, prevalence of MDR in New TB Cases is 2.3% and in re-treatment TB cases 17.2%.

The results of the Drug Resistance Surveillance (DRS) survey undertaken in Gujarat has suggested that there is no XDR amongst new TB cases and the prevalence amongst re-treatment TB cases is approximately 0.5%.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The Government has taken following steps to address the situation.(i) Early detection and effective Treatment of TB Patients based on Directly Observed Treatment Short Course (DOTS) Strategy under Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP). (ii) Rational use of anti-TB drugs. (iii) DOTS Plus services for the management of MDR-TB in phased manner.(iv) Establishment of network of quality assured laboratories, equipped with rapid diagnostics, for diagnosis and follow up of MDR TB patients.