

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

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NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN FOR TB CONTROL
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the fifth Joint Monitoring Mission (JMM) of India and the World Health Organisation (WHO) on the Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP) has endorsed the National Strategic Plan (NSP) for TB control for 2012-17;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of the said NSP for TB control;
- (c) whether the JMM has cautioned that successful implementation of the NSP requires urgent and emphatic expansion in the prioritisation, development, financing and deployment of innovative activities to rapidly detect and correctly treat case, irrespective of care in public or private sectors; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the corrective measures taken/proposed by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ABU HASEM KHAN CHOUDHURY)

(a) to (d): The Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP) is being implemented in the country with effect from 1997 with the goal of decreasing mortality, morbidity and transmission of infection until TB cases to be a major public health problem in India.

During the Eleventh Five Year Plan the programme achieved its objectives of cure rate of at least 85% among New Sputum Positive (NSP) patients and case detection of at least 70% of the estimated NSP cases in the community. For the Twelfth Five Year Plan the aim as per the National Strategic Plan (NSP) for RNTCP for 2012-17 is 'Universal Access to quality TB diagnosis and treatment for all TB patients in the community'.

The fifth Joint Monitoring Mission (JMM) was conducted from 21st to 31st August 2012. The National Strategic plan for RNTCP was also provided to the Mission to seek their inputs.