

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CASES OF MDR TB AND XDR TB

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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 World Health Organisation (WHO) report which has stated that India had an estimated 63,000 cases of notified MDR-TB in 2010, the highest in South East Asia;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the number of cases of Multi Drug Resistant (MDR)-TB and Extensively Drug Resistant (XDR)-TB reported in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has launched/proposed any comprehensive plan to bring down the number of cases of MDR-TB and XDR-TB in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, it is estimated that the prevalence of MDR-TB in new cases is 2-3% and in retreatment cases is 12-17% as per the drug resistance surveillance studies conducted in the country. Based on these rates about 64,000 MDR-TB cases are estimated to be present among the notified patients under RNTCP. The Government is aware of the problem and has incorporated the measures to tackle the same under the Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP).

(c): The number of cases of Multi-Drug Resistant (MDR)-TB Extensively Drug Resistant (XDR)-TB reported under the RNTCP during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise is annexed.

(d)&(e): Yes, To diagnose and treat, under RNTCP, the cases of MDR-TB and XDR-TB, the programme has rolled out the Programmatic Management of Drug-Resistant TB (PMDT) Services in the country since 2007. Currently 540 districts in the country are implementing PMDT services. These are being provided free of cost.

Till date, 45 Culture and Drug Sensitivity Testing Laboratories and 74 Drug Resistant-TB Centres have been established for provision of diagnosis and treatment for MDR-TB patients in the country.