

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

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DIABETES AMONG TB PATIENTS
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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 study/survey conducted as a part of the TB Operations Research Training Project which has found presence of diabetes among TB patients in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the findings thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to carry a pilot project for bi-directional screening at various sites in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the corrective measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Yes. A state-wise representative sample of TB patients in Kerala was conducted, where- in 243 out of 552 TB patients were found to be having diabetes Mellitus.

(c) & (d): A pilot project has already been completed for bi-directional screening within the routine healthcare setting across the country at eight tertiary care hospitals and eight tuberculosis units.

The study has shown that 1084 TB patients were found to have Diabetes Mellitus out of 8109 tested TB patients. Similarly, there were 254 TB patients out of 13,961 diabetic patients screened for TB.

(e) The programme has made a policy to screen all TB patients for Diabetes in 100 districts where National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) is being implemented. With the expansion of NPCDCS programme to other districts, screening of all TB patients will also be extended to those districts.