

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
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PAEDIATRIC TB CASES  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the number of paediatric TB cases are on the rise in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of such cases reported in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether paediatric TB detection rate is low and many such cases go undetected in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken/ proposed by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) No.

Paediatric TB cases being reported under Revised National TB Control Programme (RNTCP) have decreased from 85756 in 2010 to 81489 in 2012.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) & (d): No. As per "WHO Global TB report 2013" the proportion of paediatric TB cases out of all New TB cases detected in India, during the year 2012 is 7%. This is in consonance with the global projection of proportion of paediatric TB cases of 6%.

(e) The measures taken under RNTCP for paediatric TB include.

# Provision of quality assured diagnosis.

# Provision of Treatment with quality assured anti TB drugs.

# Intensified screening for early case detection of paediatric TB amongst children/ contact of sputum positive TB cases

# Children found positive for TB are put on anti TB treatment

# Children upto six year of age, found negative for TB are given prophylactic therapy to prevent development of disease.