

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN FOR CONTROL OF TUBERCULOSIS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the salient features of the National Strategic Plan (NSP) for control of Tuberculosis and the activities undertaken there under in the country;
- (b) the funds requested and allocated for Tuberculosis control programme for the 12th Five Year Plan as compared to the 11th Five Year Plan;
- (c) whether the Government had proposed to procure certain rapid test tools including GeneXpert for TB diagnosis under NSP and if so, the present status of their procurement, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether shortage of anti-TB drugs and delay in procurement of the aforesaid diagnostic tools have been reported in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the corrective steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a): The Government has launched the National Strategic Plan to control cases of Tuberculosis in the country during the 12th five year plan. The central theme of this plan is the goal of Universal Access to free quality assured TB diagnosis and treatment with quality assured anti-TB drugs to all TB patients in the community. The salient features of National Strategic Plan are as follows:

- # Strengthening and improving the quality of basic DOTS services
- # Further strengthening and aligning with health system under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM)
- # Deploying improved rapid diagnostics to the field level
- # Expanding efforts to engage all care providers
- # Strengthening and provision of quality care to the vulnerable groups including slum dwellers, tribal population etc.
- # Expanding diagnosis and treatment of drug resistant TB
- # Improving communication, outreach, and social mobilization
- # Promoting research for development and implementation of improved tools and strategies.
- # Utilizing Information Communication Technology (ICT) tools for strengthening TB surveillance

The activities being undertaken in accordance with the National Strategic Plan are as follows :

- # Enhancing notification of all TB Cases
- # Notification of all TB cases diagnosed &/or treated by all healthcare providers to local authorities
- # Nikshay' a platform for Case based Web based data entry of all TB cases for better tracking of TB cases.
- # Alignment of basic Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP) sub-district management units with National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) blocks
- # Programmatic Management of Drug Resistant TB (PMDT) scale-up : entire country covered under PMDT services for diagnosis and management of drug resistant TB
- # Scale-up in participation of NGOs and Private Providers in Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP)w356

# Revision of the operational research agenda; a comprehensive list of priority operational research needs have been formulated

# Undertaking drug resistance survey in the country.

(b):For the Revised National Tuberculosis Control Program, funds requested for the eleventh five year plan were Rs 1447 crore and allocated were Rs 1447 crore respectively, whereas, for the twelfth five year plan, funds requested were Rs 5825.28 crore and allocated were Rs. 4500.15 crore, respectively.

(c): The Government had proposed to procure rapid test tools like the Line Probe Assay (LPA) and GeneXpert under the 12th five year plan. The state/UT wise status of procurement of GeneXpert and LPA, till date, is enclosed (Annexure-I & II)

(d):Sufficient stocks of anti TB drugs are available in the country, as on date. The diagnostic capacity for Drug Resistant TB has also been expanded to cover the entire country.

(e):Does not arise.