

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3155
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH JANUARY, 2018**

NUTRITIOUS FOOD FOR TB PATIENTS

3155. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimated number of TB patients in the country, as on date;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to arrange funds to provide nutritious food to TB patients along with their treatment;
- (c) if so, whether this assistance will also be given to the TB patients getting treatment in private hospitals; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

- (a): The estimated number of TB patients in the country as per Global TB report 2017 is 2790000.
- (b): Yes.
- (c) & (d): Programme proposes a provision of Rs. 500/- per month during treatment of TB for nutritional support via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to the notified TB patients getting treatment both from public and private sectors.