

Insofar as patients on treatment with first line anti-TB drugs used for drug-sensitive TB are concerned, resistance is mainly found to be for two drugs, namely, Rifampicin and Isoniazid. For drug resistant TB patients on second line anti-TB drugs, some patients are found to be resistant to fluoroquinolones and injectables like kanamycin, capreomycin or amikacin.

(b) No such steps are envisaged. Cases of drug resistant TB constitute a small percentage of the total number of TB cases. However, the Government has included in the programme provisions for prevention and early diagnosis of drug resistant TB and treatment of such drug resistant TB cases.

(c) and (d) As reported by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), while research is going on to test treatment regimens, research on new TB drugs is at a very early stage, with testing of few molecules and *in vitro* and in animal models.

(e) According to the WHO Global TB Report, 2013, the Estimated TB Burden (prevalence) in India is 2.8 million cases : 230 cases per 100,000 population per year.

Data on specialist doctors who are capable of managing Tuberculosis is not maintained centrally.

Guidelines for treatment of poor people

252. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that guidelines have been issued to private hospitals for treatment of poor people at free/ concessional rates;

(b) if so, the number of poor patients treated in private hospitals free of cost during the last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is misrepresentation of facts by the private hospitals; and

(d) if so, the authority responsible for their monitoring?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI HARSH VARDHAN): (a) to (d) Health is a State subject, no such information is maintained centrally. However, in so far as the Government of NCT of Delhi is concerned, information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Revival of MSME sector

253. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to set up a task force to review and revive Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector;