

**Supply of nutrition supplementation to TB patients**

\*377. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India has the highest number of new TB cases and highest number of TB related deaths in the world, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the Revised National Tuberculosis Programme has not been successful in decreasing the number of new cases of TB to any significant extent; and
- (c) if so, whether Government has any plan to provide nutrition supplementation to all TB patients suffering from under-nutrition, to effectively control the spread of TB in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) Yes. According to latest WHO estimates, India accounts for 2.1 million new TB cases and 2.4 lakh TB related deaths annually. However, on the basis of prevalence rate, India ranks 14th, and on the basis of incidence rate, India ranks 15th among 22 high burden countries globally. Due to the large population of our country, the same translates into the large number of new cases and deaths.

(b) As per WHO estimates, incidence of TB in India has reduced from 216 per lakh population in year 1990 to 171 per lakh population in year 2013.

(c) No. As per existing national programme implementation strategy, there is no provision for nutritional supplementation for TB patients suffering from undernutrition.

**New TV stations**

†\*378. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of TV stations broadcasting Doordarshan programmes in the country;
- (b) the number of representations received to set up new TV stations; and
- (c) the locations along with names of the States where Government intends to set up new TV stations?