

(ii) Financial assistance for setting up of upto 50 bedded integrated AYUSH hospitals including Homoeopathy.

(iii) Supply of essential drugs to AYUSH hospitals and dispensaries including Homoeopathy.

The State/UT Governments are eligible for availing financial assistance under these activities by projecting their requirements through State Annual Action Plan as per NAM guideline.

Ministry of AYUSH has established the National Institute of Homoeopathy (NIH), Kolkata, with 100 bedded teaching hospital and North Eastern Institute of Ayurveda and Homoeopathy (NEIAH), Shillong with 40 bedded teaching hospital for Homoeopathy. In addition, Ministry of AYUSH has strengthened in-patient facilities at National Homoeopathy Research Institute in Mental Health in Kottayam, Kerala. Further, Ministry of AYUSH has also approved a new National Institute for Homoeopathy at Narela, Delhi as an extension of National Institute of Homoeopathy, Kolkata.

#### **Combating TB in children**

\*222. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has reported the highest number of childhood tuberculosis cases in the world for the last three consecutive years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the different Government schemes which have been undertaken during the last three years to eradicate tuberculosis among the children of the country; and

(d) the action/proposal of Government to combat the situation along with timelines?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) and (b) Yes. India has reported the highest number of childhood tuberculosis cases in the world for the last three consecutive years. The reported number of childhood tuberculosis cases in 2015, 2016 and 2017 is 99,133, 1,04,886 and 1,05,568 respectively as per WHO Global TB report database.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) has set the deadline of 2025 for ending all forms of Tuberculosis from the country, including childhood tuberculosis and has formulated a National Strategic Plan (NSP 2017-25) for the purpose.

The following initiatives have been undertaken during last three years to address the problem of tuberculosis in children:—

- For early diagnosis of all the childhood TB patients, molecular diagnostic laboratories have been made available at district level across the country.
- For involvement of private sector, various models are being implemented including through non-Governmental organisations.
- New quality-assured child-friendly flavoured dispersible formulations of daily Fixed Dose Combination (FDC) and body weight-based treatment regimens have been made available.
- Contact investigations are carried out to identify and treat TB among child contacts of TB patients.
- Isoniazid (INH) chemoprophylaxis is being given to children below six years of age, who are contacts of TB patients and do not have active TB. Nearly 38,745 children started on TB preventive therapy in 2017.
- Reverse contact tracing with pediatric index TB case is carried out to identify the source of infection.
- NIKSHAY Poshan Yojana for providing financial assistance for nutrition support at the rate of ₹ 500/- per month for the duration of TB treatment for all patients, including childhood TB has been initiated since 1st April 2018.
- Active involvement of professional bodies like Indian Association of Paediatricians (IAP) for sensitization of the paediatricians in private sector across the country.

#### **Introduction of "Adopt a Heritage" scheme**

\*223. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to develop heritage sites and monuments and make them tourist friendly, Government has initiated the scheme "Adopt a Heritage";

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the monuments which are proposed to be covered or have been covered under this scheme in the current year; and

(d) the steps being taken to provide basic amenities at tourist places to attract tourist footfall, both domestic and foreign?