

(b) when Government is planning to implement the Universal DST and DST guided treatment for all DR-TB patients across the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) Yes, the revised guidelines for management of drug resistant TB, published in December, 2017, include the provision to treat the patient based on Drug Susceptibility Testing (DST) and the treatment of Isoniazid (H) monopoly drug resistant TB. All the patients initiated on DR TB treatment are based on the DST results, including MDR (Multi Drug Resistant) and Isoniazid (H) mono/poly patients.

Total no. of DST guided treatment in 2018

MDR patients	46559
H monopoly patients	6454

(b) Programme has already started implementing Universal DST and DST guided treatment country-wide since January, 2018.

Healthcare schemes

1844. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under active consideration of Government for introducing healthcare schemes in the country;

(b) if so, whether the schemes have already been introduced;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, by when it is expected to be introduced; and

(d) the details of weaker sections most particularly the minority community, which would be benefited under this scheme, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) Disease in Bihar

1845. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) cases registered across the State of Bihar since 1st June, 2019;