

**TB patients compelled to take treatment in private hospitals**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that tuberculosis patients are being forced to take treatment from private hospitals due to negligence of Government hospitals;
- (b) if so, the number of patients getting treatment in private and public hospitals respectively during the last five years, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of treatment facilities being provided to the tuberculosis patients?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) As per programme policy, Revised National TB Control Programme provides free treatment to all TB patients in the country, irrespective of the sector from which the patient is seeking care. However, a large number of patients access private treatment for the first time and most cases which are not notified are still from private sector.

The Programme through its partners is engaging with private sector for TB care & control. Due to intensive programme efforts, reporting from private sector increased by 41% in 2018 as compared to 2017 (542390 from 383784). At the same time the public sector is also being strengthened. The reporting from public sector increased by 12% in 2018 as compared to 2017 (1613504 from 1444175).

(b) As mentioned above, patients are not forced to take treatment from private sector. However, with collaborative efforts, TB patients have been notified from private sector. State-wise number of patients reported in private and public sector during last three years are given in Statement (*See* below).

(c) TB patients have been provided free drugs for treatment and treatment adherence support to ensure completion of treatment.

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TB patients are tested for HIV, and drug resistance for early detection and management of comorbidity and drug resistant TB. Additionally, TB patients have been provided ₹ 500/- per month till completion of treatment for nutrition support.

Huge thrust is being given to increasing diagnostic capacity by increasing the number of Designated Microscopy Centres (DMCs). The total number of DMCs has increased from 16,600 in 2017 to 20,045 currently.

All Peripheral Health Institutions (PHIs) have been made sputum collection centres and necessary packaging and logistic support has been made available.

Further, to decentralize TB treatment, all Health & Wellness Centres established under Ayushman Bharat have been earmarked as sputum collection centres and DOTS centres from where TB medicines can be taken.

RNTCP also provides universal Drug Susceptibility Testing (UDS) to all TB patients for early detection and treatment initiation of drug resistant TB patients. Newer drugs like Bedaquiline and Delamanid have also been introduced into the Programme and are available free of cost to all patients under RNTCP.

A call centre, "Nikshay Sampark", having 100 seats has been set up to enable grievance redressal, notification, adherence support - in 14 languages.

The Govt. offers medicines to TB patients through a decentralized mechanism wherein medicines are provided by treatment supporters who may be member of the community residing in the vicinity of the TB patients, health workers such as ASHA, or even members of the patients' family. The patient may also choose to take medicine from the peripheral health facility. Decision on treatment support plan is decided by patient and providers, based on patient convenience and choice.

#### *Statement*

*State-wise number of patients reported in private and public Sector during the last three years*

Sl. No.	State/UTs	2016		2017		2018	
		Public	Private	Public	Private	Public	Private
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	509	25	270	22	539	19
2.	Andhra Pradesh	64420	9953	67074	16044	65192	25932

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	2758	30	3139	15	3417	2
4.	Assam	36724	4127	36720	3454	37936	4960
5.	Bihar	59020	37981	54995	41494	63642	41288
6.	Chandigarh	2980	433	5664	266	5361	335
7.	Chhattisgarh	30821	8663	30593	10679	30119	12912
8.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	510	42	893	70	794	55
9.	Daman and Diu	368	119	381	76	460	37
10.	Delhi	55657	7049	60772	5121	77175	16405
11.	Goa	1576	390	1563	372	1944	548
12.	Gujarat	89293	37372	109422	39639	106451	48100
13.	Haryana	41389	6156	34104	6647	50311	15437
14.	Himachal Pradesh	14070	891	15715	736	15129	1356
15.	Jammu and Kashmir	9244	693	9420	1056	11708	1187
16.	Jharkhand	35130	4385	36861	7267	37764	10724
17.	Karnataka	59732	8730	69199	11988	68657	14437
18.	Kerala	20969	26324	14522	8232	20990	3567
19.	Lakshadweep	23	0	46	0	19	0
20.	Madhya Pradesh	113172	16743	117583	16750	120771	39373
21.	Maharashtra	122172	72967	124900	67558	140068	69574
22.	Manipur	1768	625	1691	1114	2151	776
23.	Meghalaya	3934	652	3353	608	4382	485
24.	Mizoram	2162	43	2201	44	2513	57
25.	Nagaland	2274	547	2284	729	3542	727
26.	Odisha	41807	2044	67162	3969	46629	3674

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
27.	Puducherry	1415	6	1601	3	3466	23
28.	Punjab	37093	2743	38977	6336	43975	10426
29.	Rajasthan	90032	16724	84774	21179	113972	46196
30.	Sikkim	1463	76	1232	39	1418	20
31.	Tamil Nadu	82107	13972	74256	19071	75415	29502
32.	Telangana	38829	6174	31828	7395	42084	10246
33.	Tripura	2344	30	1685	8	2575	4
34.	Uttar Pradesh	260572	37174	244074	66967	305626	114808
35.	Uttarakhand	13255	1826	13012	3748	17806	4556
36.	West Bengal	85179	4477	82209	15088	89503	14642
TOTAL		1424771	330186	1444175	383784	1613504	542390

**Government Medical College in Darjeeling, WB**

2525. SHRIMATI SHANTA CHHETRI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes/plans to start a Government Medical College in Darjeeling, West Bengal (WB);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) to (c) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for 'Establishment of new Medical Colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals'. Extension of this Scheme to Phase-III has been approved by the Union Cabinet on 28.08.2019. The State/UT Governments have been requested to send their 'Detailed Project Reports (DPRs)' for consideration of this Ministry. So far, no DPR to setup a new medical college in district Darjeeling of West Bengal has been received from State Government of West Bengal.