Survey on Tb Prevalency

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39 percent of India's population is not suffering from Tuberculosis. The programme is conducting a TB prevalence survey which will provide information specific for the country in the year 2018.

The National Strategic Plan (NSP) for Tuberculosis (2017-25) has been formulated by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.In addition to the existing strategies under RNTCP, the NSP focusses on:

- \cdot $\,$ $\,$ early diagnosis of all the TB patients, prompt treatment with quality assured drugs and treatment regimens
- suitable patient support systems to promote adherence.
- engaging with the patients seeking care in the private sector.
- \cdot $\,$ $\,$ prevention strategies including active case finding and contact tracing in high risk / vulnerable population and
- · Use of ICT tools for effective monitoring of Patients.
- Multi-sectoral response for addressing social determinants

The number of TB patients notified to the programme during the last three years in Maharashtra is given below:

TB Cases and Deaths in Maharashtra

| Year | No of Cases reported | No of Deaths reported |
|------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2016 | 122172 | 4329(till October) |
| 2015 | 130874 | 6904 |
| 2014 | 135465 | 7629 |

The Minister of State (Health and Family Welfare), Sh Ashwini Kumar Choubey stated this in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha here today.

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