

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 51  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

**RISK OF TUBERCULOSIS**

**51. SHRI A. RAJA:**

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

- (a) whether as per WHO report, prisoners of India are five times more at risk of developing tuberculosis than the general people of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study to address such issue in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the efforts being made by the Government for detection, treatment and prevention of TB in the prisons of the country?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (d) The government has developed & issued guidelines titled “The Operational Guidelines on HIV/TB Intervention in Prisons and other Closed Settings”, to address the challenge of TB in prisons and provide TB prevention, screening and treatment services for all inmates living in prisons and other closed settings. Under the National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP) periodic screening for TB is conducted in prisons and free diagnostic and treatment services are provided to those prison inmates detected with TB. The details of TB cases notified among general population and among prison inmates over the last 3 years are as under:

Type of Population	2021 (Jan-Dec)	2022 (Jan-Dec)	2023 (Jan-Dec)
General population	2136690	2425974	2545782
Among prison inmates	1370	1296	1209

(Data source: Ni-kshay).