

Regarding need to take comprehensive measures to achieve a tuberculosis free India by 2025-Laid

SHRI P. P. CHAUDHARY (PALI): Under visionary leadership of Prime Minister, India has made significant progress in tuberculosis control. I would like to draw the attention of the Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare to further strengthen our fight against TB. WHO's Global TB Report 2024 shows India's remarkable achievement with a 17.7% decline in TB incidence from 2015 to 2023, surpassing the global decline of 8.3%. TB-related deaths decreased by 21.4% during this period. Through initiatives like National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme, the 100-Day TB Elimination Campaign, and Nikshay Poshan Yojana, which has disbursed Rs. 2,781 crores to support 1 crore beneficiaries, we have made substantial progress. However, to achieve a TB-free India by 2025, I urge the Ministry to increase program allocations, expand AI-enabled diagnostic facilities beyond the existing 7,767 testing centers, strengthen the supply chain of quality-assured TB drugs, and address co-existing conditions like malnutrition and HIV through a comprehensive approach. Special focus should be given to decentralizing TB services and supporting frontline workers to ensure treatment reaches our rural populations.