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REPORT OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES,
REGULATIONS AND COORDINATION

Starred Question No.201 regarding the fact that the Government has formulated a plan to upgrade 30 hospitals to treat the multi-drug resistant TB cases asked by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh

PRESENTED BY
SENATOR KHUSHBAKHT SHUJAT
Chairperson SSC on National Health Services, Regulations and
Coordination

SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES, REGULATIONS AND COORDINATION

1, Chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination have the honor to present the report, on behalf of the Committee, on Starred Question No.201 regarding the fact that the Government has formulated a plan to upgrade 30 hospitals to treat the multi-drug resistant TB cases asked by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh.

2. The matter was referred to the Senate Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination for consideration and report to the House.

3. The composition of the Committee is as under:-

1. Senator Khushbakht Shujat	Chairperson
2. Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq	Member
3. Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi	Member
4. Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
5. Senator Dr. Asad Ashraf	Member
6. Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar	Member
7. Senator Sikandar Mandhro	Member
8. Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi	Member
9. Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	Member
10. Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani	Member
11. Senator Sana Jamali	Member
12. Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	Member
13. Senator Syed Muhammad Ali Shah Jamot	Member
14. Senator Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh	Member/Mover
15. Minister for National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination	Ex-Officio Member

4. The Standing Committee considered the issue in its different meetings. The Committee disposed of the matter in its meeting held on 4th December, 2019 and decided to submit the report to the House. The meeting was attended by the following members, namely:-

1. Senator Khushbakht Shujat	Chairperson
2. Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi	Member
3. Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
4. Senator Dr. Asad Ashraf	Member
5. Senator Sikandar Mandhro	Member
6. Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi	Member

7.	Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani	Member
8.	Senator Sana Jamali	Member
9.	Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	Member
10.	Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar	Member
11.	Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq	Member

SUMMARY

The Ministry endorsed the fact that the Government has upgraded 30 hospitals for the treatment of drug-resistant TB patients. Under the programmatic management of Drug-Resistant TB project, the government intends to provide treatment to the Drug-Resistant TB patients with financial support of the Global Fund for TB. For this purpose 30 sites have been selected from Karachi to Gilgit. After having a detailed clinical assessment of the patients supported by laboratories investigation, the baseline is established and subsequently 2nd line TB drugs are applied to provide relief to the patients.

For this specific programme, a portion of public sector hospitals is assigned for treatment of drug-resistant TB patients and the hospitals are up-graded with the following facilities.

- Construction/renovation of existing hospital building/structure required for management of drug resistant TB.
- Provision of furniture and fixtures for the PMDT site.
- Provision of medical equipment including, infection control equipment.
- Provision of IT equipment for maintenance of patients' record.
- Provision of social support to the drug resistant TB patients.
- Provision of 2nd Line drugs for drug resistant TB.
- Provision of a team of health care providers

When 1st line TB drugs lose their efficacy, 2nd line TB drugs are applied for the treatment. The required treatment is costly and it continues for two years. To avoid and control the repercussions and side effects, it is supervised more minutely. National TB Control Programme has developed a special protocol for the management of these TB cases which include the following:



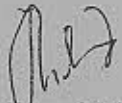
- Diagnosis of resistant TB cases with latest machines called Xpert.
- Baseline evaluation of the patients before putting them on 2nd line anti TB drugs
- Monthly clinical assessment of the MDR-TB patient.
- Periodic laboratory investigations to monitor treatment.

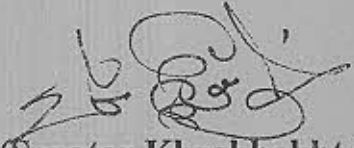
National TB Control Program has provided latest equipment for diagnosis and monitoring of the treatment which includes Xpert, Line probe assay, Culture & drug sensitivity testing laboratories.

National TB Control Programme with the help of WHO has evolved a system to de-centralize the management of Drug-Resistant TB. DRTB sites are located at regional level but unfortunately the sites are not sufficient to address the patients' needs. The District HQ Hospitals (DHQs) will function as satellites sites for management of drug-resistant TB patients. It also requires harmonious approach between different Federal and Provincial departments to bring the DRTB services closer to the patient residences. It requires not only resources but also ownership of the District health authorities.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) The Committee while endorsing the programme recommended that an inclusive, comprehensive approach should be applied to serve the drug-resistant TB patients.
- 2) The Committee also advised that periodic check on the programme and feedback mechanism are all the more essential elements to monitor success of the programme. For this purpose the Committee directed to draw a baseline and devise metrics to evaluate the success in qualitative and quantitative terms. It should be programmed as a live document with a periodic assessment to mend the weaknesses of the programme. Annexure of the selected sites under this programme is also attached.


(Javaid Iqbal)
Secretary Committee


(Senator Khushbakht Shujat)
Chairperson Committee

S. #	Name of PMDT Site	Province/Region	Location
1	OICD, Ojha Hospital Karachi	Sindh	Karachi
2	DHQ, Hospital, Mithi	Sindh	Tharparkar
3	Institute of Chest Diseases, Kotri	Sindh	Jamshoro
4	Chest & Pulmonology Unit, JPMC, Karachi	Sindh	Karachi
5	GMM Civil Hospital, Sukkur	Sindh	Sukkur
6	DHQ, Hospital, Mirpurkhas	Sindh	Mirpurkhas
7	CMC, Hospital, Larkana	Sindh	Larkana
8	PMC, Hospital, Nawabshah	Sindh	Nawabshah
9	Fatima Jinnah Chest Hospital, Quetta	Baluchistan	Quetta
10	DHQ, Hospital, Loralai	Baluchistan	Loralai
11	Gulab Devi Hospital, Lahore	Punjab	Lahore
12	Mayo Hospital, Lahore	Punjab	Lahore
13	Jinnah Hospital, Lahore	Punjab	Lahore
14	Leprosy Hospital Rawalpindi	Punjab	Rawalpindi
15	Nishtar Hospital Multan	Punjab	Multan
16	Bahawal Victoria Hospital, Bahawalpur	Punjab	Bahawalpur
17	Shaikh Zayed Hospital, Rahim Yar Khan	Punjab	Rahim Yar Khan
18	DHQ, Hospital, Faisalabad	Punjab	Faisalabad
19	DHQ, Hospital, Sargodha	Punjab	Sargodha
20	DHQ, Hospital, Sialkot	Punjab	Sialkot
21	Samli Hospital Murree	Punjab	Rawalpindi
22	Military Hospital (MH), Fawalpindi	Punjab	Rawalpindi
23	FIMS, Hospital Islamabad	Federal / ICT	Islamabad

S. #	Name of PMDT Site	Province/Region	Location
24	AIMS, Hospital, Muzaffarabad	Azad Kashmir (AK)	Muzaffarabad
25	LRH, Peshawar	Khyber Pakhtunkhawa	Peshawar
26	ATH, Abbottabad	Khyber Pakhtunkhawa	Abbottabad
27	MMMTH, DIK	Khyber Pakhtunkhawa	Dera Ismail Khan
28	SS Teaching Hospital, Swat	Khyber Pakhtunkhawa	Swat
29	DHQ, Hospital, Mardan	Khyber Pakhtunkhawa	Mardan
30	DHQ, Hospital, Gilgit	Gilgit Baltistan (GB)	Gilgit