

NOTIFICATION OF TB CASES

TB continues to be a major public health problem accounting for substantial morbidity and mortality in the country. Early diagnosis and complete treatment of TB is the corner-stone of TB prevention and control strategy. Inappropriate diagnosis and irregular/incomplete treatment with anti-TB drugs may contribute to complications, disease spread and emergence of Drug Resistant TB.

In order to ensure proper TB diagnosis and case management, reduce TB transmission and address the problems of emergence and spread of Drug Resistant-TB, it is essential to have complete information of all TB cases. Therefore, the healthcare providers shall notify every TB case to local authorities i.e. District Health Officer / Chief Medical Officer of a district and Municipal health Officer of a Municipal Corporation / Municipality every month in a given format (attached).

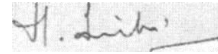
For the purpose of case notification, a TB case is defined as follows:

- A patient diagnosed with, at least one sputum specimen positive for acid fast bacilli, or Culture-positive for Mycobacterium tuberculosis or RNTCP endorsed Rapid Diagnostic molecular test positive for tuberculosis
- OR**
- A patient diagnosed clinically as a case of tuberculosis, without microbiologic confirmation, and initiated on anti-TB drugs.

For the Purpose of this Notification healthcare providers will include clinical establishment run or managed by the Government (including local authorities), private or NGO sectors and/or individual practitioners.

For more detailed information, the concerned State TB Officers / District TB whose details are available on www.tbcindia.nic.in, may be contacted.

Encl:As mentioned



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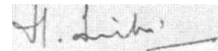
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| 1) All Principal Secretaries / Secretaries of Health of States / UTs | } | With the request to kindly immediately bring this order to the notice of all concerned for compliance, in their respective State / UT |
| 2) All Directors of Health Services of States / UTs | | |
| 3) All State TB Officers of States / UTs | | |

CC for information to:

1. PS to Union Minister HFW / Union Minister of HRD & CIT / MOS (HFW)
2. PPS to Union Secretary HFW / DGHS / Union Secretary AYUSH / Union Secretary HR (DG-ICMR) / union Secretary - NACO / DG-NIC
3. All Addl. Secretaries & Joint Secretaries in MOHFW / GOI
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5. Director (Media) MOHFW / GOI
6. All Regional Directors (HFW/GOI) - with request to facilitate wide dissemination of this Govt. Order, for compliance, in respective states / UTs
7. Websites of MOHFW/GOI (www.mohfw.nic.in) and Central TB Division (www.tbcindia.nic.in)
8. DDG(NIC) & Sr. Technical Director (NIC) / MOHFW / GOI.

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