INDIA TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL
REPORT CARD

Currently, 4.8 people out of 10 with infectious TB in India are being cured using high quality DOTS treatment services. DOTS (Directly Observed Treatment, Short Course) is the global standard for treating infectious TB.

In 2000, the Government of India pledged that 7 out of 10 people with infectious TB would be treated by these services, with at least 6 of them being cured, by the end of year 2005. This report is a tracking of the work done up to September 2004 to meet that commitment.

Many states are showing remarkable progress in their fight against this disease. All states need to exhibit the same progress, for the national commitments to be met, and for deaths due to TB made history.

% of infectious TB cases being cured using DOTS

- Failing: These states are curing fewer than 40% of infectious TB cases with DOTS services and need to make TB control a greater priority. Thousands of needless deaths can be avoided by doing so. (Population: 321 million)

- Could Pass Soon: These states could achieve a “Distinction” mark within the next year or two if they continue increasing their efforts to reach more people with TB. (Population: 353 million)

- Distinction: These states have succeeded in curing at least 60 percent of people with infectious TB through DOTS services and deserve our applause for achieving this standard of care. (Population: 392.7 million)

All numbers and calculations, including projected population totals for 2004, are based on data in the Annual and Quarterly Reports published by the Central TB Division, MOHFW, India (www.tbcindia.org).

DOTS programmes in these states are falling back in the numbers of patients placed on treatment and cured. DOTS programmes succeed in reducing deaths due to TB only if the level of effort in placing patients on effective treatment is sustained over a period of a time.

These states have begun implementing DOTS based TB services in the last one year. We wait to see the outcomes of the excellent start these states have made in putting people on treatment.

These states are preparing to start implementing DOTS based TB services before 2005 is over.

Massive Effort Campaign

All states are implementing since 2004.