

**Dr. Sudarsan Mandal**  
MD (SPM)

DDG (TB), Central TB Division

Tel. (O) : 011-23061130

E-mail : mandals@mtcp.org



**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Health & Family Welfare**  
Room No. 532-C, Nirman Bhawan,  
Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi-110011

DO No. Z-28015/27/2012-TB(Part-II)

Dated: 10/05/2021

Subject: Implementation of Shorter oral Bedaquiline-containing MDR/RR-TB regimen in seven States of India (viz. Delhi, Maharashtra, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Punjab & Himachal Pradesh)- reg.

Dear All,

At the outset, I would like to appreciate you and your team for the efforts towards TB elimination amid unprecedented COVID-19 situation!

NTEP has envisaged to have injection free regimen for the treatment of any TB patient. However, currently injections are still part of the Shorter MDR-TB regimen.

The Ministry has recently approved implementation of Shorter oral Bedaquiline-containing MDR/RR-TB regimen. It has been decided to implement this in seven states of India viz. Delhi, Maharashtra, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Punjab & Himachal Pradesh in first phase. You are requested to prepare the state for transitioning to shorter oral Bedaquiline-containing regimen for MDR/RR-TB patients as per the Guidelines for PMDT in India-2021.

To support the states rapidly transition to Shorter oral Bedaquiline-containing regimen the following activities need to be undertaken-

1. A virtual national training of master trainers is being planned by Central TB Division.
2. State are expected to
  - a. Prepare a training plan (virtual) to rapidly conduct the cascade of training for all key staff up to the Ayushman Bharat – Health and Wellness Center (HWC) level.
  - b. Ensure all districts have an optimally functional district DR-TB center with ECG machines and linkage with cardiologist, pediatricians etc.
  - c. Assess the available drug stock particularly Bedaquiline and Levofloxacin along with other oral drugs in the shorter MDR-TB regimen.

**" It's Time To End TB " "TB Harega Desh Jeetega "**

- d. PMDT data management is transitioned completely to Nikshay from all levels.
- e. Undertake a preparatory status review and share the updated template presentation (attached) with CTD by 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021.

Central TB Division will plan a virtual review session with the State TB officers shortly to assess their preparedness to transition to shorter oral Bedaquiline-containing regimen.

Further details about the virtual national PMDT ToT and review meeting will be shared with the states in due course.

With regards,

  
(Dr. Sudarsan Mandal) 10/05/21

Enclosure: As above

To:

STO - Delhi, Maharashtra, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Punjab & Himachal Pradesh

Cc:

1. Sr. PPS to AS
2. MD (NHM) - Delhi, Maharashtra, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Punjab & Himachal Pradesh
3. All CTD officers & consultants
4. NPOs- WHO Country Office for India
5. Regional Team Leads & concerned WHO NTEP Consultants of the States