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Nikshay is a dynamic online platform for patient and program management for National TB Elimination Program (NTEP) and demands real time NIKSHAY portal entries for all patient related events. Central TB Division utilizes the online portal data for understanding the TB epidemic, assessment of performance of various health facilities in State/UTs and ranking of the State/UTs.

With regards to Programmatic Management of Drug Resistant TB (PMDT), NIKSHAY online portal allows monitoring of Drug Resistant TB patient's treatment events i.e DRTB treatment initiation, follow up and the final treatment outcome apart from other NTEP service provision.

Central TB Division has decided to switch completely to the Nikshay based reporting for following PMDT components:

- DRTB patient's Case holding report from 1Q20 onwards
- Interim and final treatment outcome report for DR TB patients enrolled since 1Q18 onwards

However, Case finding report for DRTB patients will continue to be collected manually from the districts till such provision is made available in Nikshay portal.

A State/UT wise analysis has been carried out to compare the case holding report for 1q2020 for 'DR TB patients initiated on treatment in Nikshay' Vs 'Manually reported case holding in Quarterly PMDT report'. Similarly, Nikshay entry of DR TB patients notified during 2018 and 2019 has been carried out to check the completeness of interim and treatment outcome entries of treatment registered DR TB patients (Enclosed as Annexure I).

Three out of four quarterly PMDT reports (i.e. Case holding, interim and final treatment outcome reports) are available in Nikshay. All health facilities registered on NIKSHAY can now access and review these 3 reports in NIKSHAY report section as 'PMDT report'.

Hence you are requested review, train as well as monitor all reporting DRTB sites/districts for completion of pending DRTB patient details in NIKSHAY online portal from 1st Jan 2018 onwards all notified TB patients to be entered in Nikshay (Pending DRTB patient's treatment details, follow up, interim outcome and final treatment outcome) *utilizing PMDT reports (Cumulative Numbers) and DR TB*

Treatment register (patient wise report) generate through Nikshay. A guidance note regarding the same is also enclosed herewith for use by all those involved in care of DRTB patients.

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To, STOs (All States & UTs) & DTO (All districts) Nodal officers of DR TBC, Nodal/District DR TBC (All states)

Copy of information to:

1. PPS to Jt. Secretary (Public Health), MOHFW, GOI

2. All National Reference Laboratories (NRLs), Intermediate Reference Laboratories (IRLs) and Culture and DST laboratories (C-DST labs)

3. All State TB Training Demonstration Center (STDC) Directors

4. WHO NTEP Regional Team Leads (RTL), State HQ & field consultants