

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1393
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH MARCH, 2017**

DECLINE IN HEALTHCARE EXPENDITURE

1393. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the healthcare funding in our country is low compared to other developing and developed countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, as a percentage of GDP;
- (c) whether it is a fact that it is declining over the last few years, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government proposes to increase expenditure on healthcare, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to ensure proper utilisation of funds and to provide proper healthcare facilities to all the citizens of this country?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) & (b): A statement showing public health expenditure on health as percentage of GDP in India vis-à-vis select developed/developing countries for 2012, is **annexed**.

(c): As per Economic Survey 2016-17 brought out by Ministry of Finance, expenditure by Government (Central and State Governments combined) on health as percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for last three years and current year is as under:

- (i) 2013-14 - 1.2 %
- (ii) 2014-15 - 1.1%
- (iii) 2015-16 - 1.3% (RE)
- (iv) 2016-17 - 1.4 % (BE)

(d): The Draft National Health Policy 2015 envisages raising public health expenditure progressively to 2.5% of the GDP.

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(e): Public health and hospitals is a state subject. However under NHM, Government provides technical and financial support to states to strengthen their healthcare system.

National Health Mission (NHM) implementation framework seeks to achieve health goals through strengthening state health systems, facility based service delivery, expanding the outreach services, strengthening community The processes, addressing social determinants of health, providing social protection against cost of care through provision of free drugs, diagnostics, diet and transport; and building a robust health management information system.

To ensure proper utilization of funds and to provide health care facilities to all the citizens of the country, the Government has taken several steps including, inter-alia :

Organizing periodical review meetings/Joint Monitoring Missions, conducting external surveys, undertaking Common Review Missions (CRM) on annual basis, conducting monthly concurrent audit and annual audit of the State/District Health Societies, Performance Audit by CAG, Mid-Term Appraisal by Planning Commission (Now NITI Aayog) etc.

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ANNEXURE

Statement showing Public expenditure on health as percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in respect of some select developing/ developed countries.

S/No.	Name of Country	Public expenditure on health as percentage of GDP - 2012
1	Bangladesh	1.12
2	China	3.02
3	India	1.16
4	Indonesia	1.19
5	Kuwait	2.15
6	Malaysia	2.21
7	Oman	2.17
8	Pakistan	1.03
9	Peru	2.86
10	Sri Lanka	1.21
11	Thailand	3.58
12	United Kingdom	7.81
13	United States of America	7.99
14	Russian Federation	3.32
15	Spain	6.67

Source: World Health Statistics 2015 published by World Health Organization

