

**Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Economic Affairs**

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 385
ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2018**

Review of budgetary allocation for MSP and free medical care schemes

*385 SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1169 given in the Rajya Sabha on 6th March 2018 and state:

- a) whether Government is aware that allocation of only Rs. 200 crore under Market Intervention Scheme and Price Support System and Rs. 2000 crore under Rastriya Swasthya Bima Yojana is roughly Rs. 4/- and Rs.40 per capita year respectively to ensure 1.5 times the cost of production as MSP and free medical care to 50 crores beneficiaries during 2018-19 respectively;
- (b) if so, the rationale for such a meagre allocation for said scheme;
- (c) whether Ministry would review the said allocations and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE FINANCE MINISTER
(SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)**

a) and (b) The allocation of Rs.200 crore under Market Intervention Scheme and Price Support System and Rs.2000 crore under Rastriya Swasthya Bima Yojana is the initial budget estimates for FY2018-19.

(c) and (d) After formulation of the new schemes as per announcement in Budget para 13 & 59, the existing allocation under these two schemes will be subsumed and additional funds, as and when required, will be provided at appropriate stage from Government resources, depending on the year-to-year requirement.