

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3628  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018**

**ENHANCING BUDGETARY SUPPORT FOR HEALTH SECTOR**

**3628. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India's spending on health care is highly inadequate as compared to many developing countries including several South Asian neighbours;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that poor funding has led to poor health care management and the facilities; and
- (c) if so, whether Government would seriously consider enhancing the budgetary support to the health sector?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a): A statement showing health expenditure as percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in respect of India as well as select developing countries and South Asian neighbors is **annexed**.
- (b): The publication titled 'Health in India – NSS 71<sup>st</sup> Round' (January- June 2014) brought out by National Sample Survey Office, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, shows an increase in utilization of public health facilities in 2014 from 2004. For outpatient care, utilization of public health facilities has increased from 22 percent to 28 percent in rural area and 19 percent to 21 percent in urban area between 2004 and 2014.
- (c): The National Health Policy 2017 envisages raising Government health spending to 2.5% GDP by 2025 from the existing level of 1.15% of GDP in a time bound manner. It also envisages that States contribute at least 8% of their Total Government Expenditure to Health by 2020.

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## ANNEXURE

Statement showing health expenditure as percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in respect of India as well as select developing countries and South Asian neighbours during 2015

Countries	Current Health Expenditure (CHE) as % Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	Domestic Government Expenditure (GGHE-D) as % Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
Republic of Korea	7.39	4.17
Russian Federation	5.56	3.40
Brazil	8.91	3.81
South Africa	8.20	4.39
Thailand	3.77	2.91
China	5.32	3.18
Bhutan	3.49	2.51
Sri Lanka	2.97	1.59
Indonesia	3.35	1.28
Viet Nam	5.65	2.36
Philippines	4.41	1.39
Nepal	6.15	1.11
India	3.89	1.00
Pakistan	2.69	0.74

Source: Global Health Expenditure Data base (online data), World Health Organisation, 2018 ( <http://apps.who.int/nha/database>) accessed on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2018 at 12.45 hrs (IST).