

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 83  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2018**

**EXPENDITURE ON HEALTHCARE**

**83. DR. L. HANUMANTHAI AH:**

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

- (a) the details of the average per capita expenditure incurred by Government on health during the last three years;
- (b) whether it is very low as compared to the developed countries of the world and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the health services in India are becoming expensive day by day, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by Government to provide affordable healthcare services to the people, especially the poor?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): As per the National Health Accounts Estimates, the per capita expenditure incurred by Government on health for the latest available years is as follows:

2015-16: Rs. 1261  
2014-15: Rs. 1108  
2013-14: Rs. 1042.

(b): Per capita Government Expenditure on Healthcare in select developed countries vis-à-vis India in 2016 is given in Annexure.

(c): As per the National Health Account Estimates, per capita Out-of-Pocket Expenditure (at current prices) is as follows:

2013-14: Rs.2336  
2014-15: Rs.2394  
2015-16: Rs.2494

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Public Health & Hospitals is a State subject. Government of India has taken many steps to provide affordable healthcare services to the people.

As part of Ayushman Bharat, the Government is supporting States for strengthening Sub Centres and Primary Health Centres as Health and Wellness Centres for provision of comprehensive primary care. In addition, the Government has launched Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) on 23.9.2018. This scheme provides coverage upto Rs 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalisation to over 10 crore poor and vulnerable families (approx. 50 crore persons). This scheme covers poor and vulnerable families based on deprivation and occupational criteria as per Socio Economic Caste Census data.

Under the National Health Mission (NHM), financial and technical support is provided to States/UTs to provide accessible, affordable and quality healthcare, especially to the poor and vulnerable sections of the population, in both urban and rural areas. Under NHM, all States/ UTs are already supported to provide a host of free services including for maternal health, child health, adolescent health, family planning, universal immunisation programme, and for major diseases such as Tuberculosis, HIV/ AIDS, vector borne diseases such as Malaria, Dengue and Kala Azar, Leprosy etc. Other major initiatives for which states are being supported include Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK), Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK), implementation of NHM Free Drugs and Free Diagnostics Service Initiatives, PM National Dialysis Programme and implementation of National Quality Assurance Framework.

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Annexure

Per capita Government Health Expenditure in select developed countries, vis-à-vis India 2016 (in PPP Int.\$)	
Country Name	Per capita Govt Health Expenditure
Australia	3094
Japan	3839
Canada	3465
United Kingdom	3352
United States of America	8078
France	3964
Germany	4626
Italy	2552
India	61

Source: Global Health Expenditure Database, WHO, accessed at <https://apps.who.int/nha/database/Viwdata/Indicators/en>,