

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

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 298
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28TH MARCH, 2023**

OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENDITURE IN HEALTH SECTOR

298 DR. AMAR PATNAIK:

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

- (a) the details of the total share of the Union Government in health expenditure from 2020 to 2023 in absolute terms and as a percentage of total health expenditure, year-wise;
- (b) the details on the total share of out-of-pocket expenditure on health from 2020 to 2023 in absolute terms and as a percentage of total health expenditure, year-wise;
- (c) whether it is a fact that out-of-pocket expenditure has been consistently high on health, at a high rate of 48.2 per cent; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken by Government to reduce out-of-pocket expenditure?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(DR MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA
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(a) & (b): The budget allocation of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Department of Health & Family Welfare, Department of Health Research and Ministry of AYUSH) are given as under:

(Rs.in crore)

Allocation (BE)	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Department of Health & Family Welfare	65012	71269	83000
Department of Health Research	2100	2663	3201
Ministry of AYUSH	2122	2970	3050
Total	69234	76902	89251

Government's expenditure on Health comprising Union Government's and States/UTs health expenditure and total health expenditure (THE), and their percentage shares are reckoned from the Estimates of the National Health Accounts (NHA), the latest published Estimates pertain to the year 2018-19.

(c) & (d): As per National Health Accounts Estimates, since 2014-15, there is declining trend in out of pocket expenditure (OOPE) as percentage of Total Health Expenditure (THE). The OOPE and OOPE as percentage of THE are given in the table below:

Indicator	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Out of Pocket Expenditure (OOPE) (Rs. in Crore)	302425	320211	340196	276532	287573
Out of Pocket Expenditure (OOPE) as % of THE	62.6%	60.6%	58.7%	48.8%	48.2%

Source: National Health Accounts Estimates.

The Government of India provides financial and technical assistance to States/UTs to set up and upgrade healthcare services. The main aim of the Government is to facilitate adequate infrastructure so as to have universal access to equitable, affordable and quality healthcare services. Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) under the Ministry aims to correct regional imbalances in the availability of affordable tertiary healthcare services and also to augment facilities for quality medical education in the country benefitting all citizens of the

country with a view to reducing the out of pocket expenses. So far setting up of 22 new AIIMS and 75 projects of upgradation of Government Medical Colleges/ Institutions (GMCIs) have been approved under the Scheme in various phases.

National Free Drugs Service Initiative and National Free Diagnostic Service Initiative under National Health Mission have been rolled out to ensure the availability of essential drugs and diagnostic facilities and reduce the Out of Pocket Expenditure (OOPE) of the patients visiting public health facilities.

Under Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) - a centrally sponsored scheme, health coverage upto Rs. 5 lakh per annum per beneficiary family for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization to over 12 crore poor and vulnerable families. As on 24th March 2023, approx. 4.5 crore hospital admissions worth approx. Rs. 54, 000 crore have been authorized under Ayushman Bharat -Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (ABPMJAY). Accordingly, the scheme has significantly contributed to the reduction of out-of pocket expenditure.

Besides, quality generic medicines are made available at affordable prices to all under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) in collaboration with the State Governments. Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment (AMRIT) Pharmacy stores have been set up in some hospitals/institutions.
