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TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH MARCH, 2023

AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE

1527: SHRI SANJEEV ARORA:

Will the **MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

a) the steps taken by the Ministry to make the healthcare affordable and reduce out of pocket expenses; and
b) the details out of pocket expenses for healthcare, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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(a)   to (b): As per National Health Accounts Estimates 2018-19, the Out-of-pocket expenditure (OOPE) as percentage of Total Health Expenditure (THE) is 48.2%. OOPE on health as percentage of THE in the country for the year 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 are 60.6%, 58.7%, 48.8% and 48.2% respectively and therefore there is declining trend in OOPE as percentage of THE. As per National Health Accounts 2018-19, the available State-wise OOPE is annexed as Annexure.

   As per the National Health Policy, 2017, public investment in health is envisioned to reach 2.5% of GDP by 2025. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) has taken up with States to prioritize allocation to health sector and enhance their health budgets at least 10% every year to reach the goal as envisaged. The budget allocation for Department of Health & Family Welfare (DoHFW) has increased by 82% from Rs. 47,353 Crores in 2017-18 (BE) to Rs. 86,175 crores in 2023-24 (BE). DoHFW is making continuous efforts to increase allocation in health budget. Further, the 15th Finance Commission has provided to Rs. 70,051 Crores Grants for health through the local Governments.

   The 'India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package-I' (ECRP-I) of Rs.15,000 Crores has been approved by the Cabinet on 22nd April, 2020 with an objective to prevent, detect and respond to the threat posed by COVID-19.

The Cabinet has also approved the scheme, "India Covid-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Package-II" (ECRP-II) on 8th July, 2021 for an amount of Rs. 23,123 Crores.

The Central Govt. has taken several initiatives for supplementing the efforts of the State for providing quality and affordable healthcare services to the people and reduce the OOPE. Under National Health Mission, financial and technical support are 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 National Health Mission, the Government has taken many steps towards universal health coverage, by supporting the State Governments in providing accessible & affordable healthcare to people. It encompasses the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) and the National Urban Health Mission (NUHM) as its two Sub-Missions. The National Health Mission provides support for improvement in health infrastructure, availability of adequate human resources to man health facilities, to improve availability and accessibility to quality health care especially for the underserved and marginalized groups in rural areas.

The Government has launched four mission mode projects, namely PM-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM), Ayushman Bharat Health & Wellness Centres (ABHWCs), Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) and Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM).

PM-ABHIM was launched as a mission to develop the capacities of primary, secondary, and tertiary health care systems, strengthen existing national institutions, and create new institutions, to cater to detection and cure of new and emerging diseases. PM-ABHIM is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with some Central Sector components for implementation of the Atmanirbhar Bharat Package for health sector with an outlay of Rs 64,180 crore.

Under Ayushman Bharat Health & Wellness Centres (HWCs), Comprehensive Primary Healthcare by strengthening Sub Health Centres (SHCs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) are facilitated. The HWCs are to provide preventive, promotive, rehabilitative and curative care for an expanded range of services encompassing Reproductive and Child care services, Communicable diseases, Non-communicable diseases and all health issues.

Pradhan Mantri Jan ArogyaYojana (PMJAY), Scheme provides health coverage of Rs.5.00 lakh per family per year to around 10.74 crore poor and vulnerable families for secondary and tertiary care as per Socio Economic Caste Census data 2011.

Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) has been announced on 27th September, 2021 with aim to develop the backbone necessary to support the integrated digital health infrastructure of the country.

The Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States (Tele-MANAS) was launched on 10th October, 2022 with the aim to provide free tele-mental health services all over the country round the clock, particularly to under-served areas and people remotely located. The programme includes a network of 23 tele-mental health centres of excellence, with NIMHANS

as the nodal centre and International Institute of Information Technology-Bangalore (IIITB) providing technology support.

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.

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State-wise Out of Pocket Expenditure (OOPE)

S.No	State	Out of Pocket Expenditure (Rs. in crore)
1	Assam	3228
2	Andhra Pradesh	16326
3	Bihar	9731
4	Chhattisgarh	3407
5	Gujarat	10922
6	Haryana	6359
7	Jammu & Kashmir	1772
8	Jharkhand	7086
9	Karnataka	10723
10	Kerala	23702
11	Madhya Pradesh	11550
12	Maharashtra	32251
13	Odisha	7873
14	Punjab	9196
15	Rajasthan	13438
16	Tamil Nadu	14509
17	Uttar Pradesh	55829
18	Uttarakhand	1338
19	West Bengal	31115
20	Telangana	7332
21	Himachal Pradesh	2226

Source: National Health Accounts (NHA) Estimates for India 2018-19