

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2345**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2023**

**SPENDING ON HEALTH SECTOR**

**2345: SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM:**

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

- a) whether Government has taken note that the National Health Policy, 2017 and the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission envisaged to increase Government's health expenditure to 2.5 per cent of GDP by 2025;
- b) if so, the details thereof along with necessary steps taken by Government in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- c) the details of the combined health spending ratio by both Union and State Governments to GDP during each of the last eight years from financial year 2018 to 2022, along with the break-up of the proportion of spending by Union Government, year-wise?

**ANSWER**  
**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY**  
**WELFARE**  
**(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (b) : As per the National Health Policy, 2017, public investment in health is envisioned to reach 2.5% of GDP by 2025. Department of Health and Family Welfare (DoHFW) 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 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 efforts to increase allocation in health budget. The 15th Finance Commission has provided Rs. 70,051 Crores Grants for health through the Local Government.

The 'India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package-I' (ECRP-I) of Rs.15,000 Crores was 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, "India Covid-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Package-II" (ECRP-II) on 08th July 2021 for an amount of Rs.23,123 Crores.

(c) As per the available National Health Accounts Estimates for India, the details Government Health Expenditure are given in table as under:

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
Government Health Expenditure (GHE) (Rs. in Crore)	139949	161863	188010	231104	242219
GHE as % GDP	1.13%	1.18%	1.2%	1.35%	1.28%
Share of Union Government Health Expenditure as % of GHE	37%	35.6%	31.4%	40.8%	34.3%
Share of State Government Health Expenditure as % of GHE	63%	64.4%	68.6%	59.2%	65.7%

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