

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 919
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30TH JULY, 2024**

WOMEN'S HEALTH ISSUE

919. DR. SYED NASEER HUSSAIN:

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

- (a) the proportion of Government budget that is focused on addressing gender/women's health issues in the last five years, State-wise and year-wise;
- (b) the percentage utilisation of Government budget that is focused on addressing gender/women's health issues in the last five years, State-wise and year-wise; and
- (c) whether there has been any targeted plan/scheme undertaken to identify the impact of the Covid pandemic on women's health issues and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) and (b):- The Scheme Budget of Department of Health and Family Welfare (DoHFW), Gender Budget & Expenditure to address gender/women's health issues for last five years are given in the table below:-.

Year	Total Scheme Budget (BE) (Rs. in crore)	Gender Budget (BE) (Rs. in crore)	Gender Budget as % of Total Scheme Budget	Actual Expenditure on Gender (Rs. In crore)	Actual Expenditure as % of Gender Budget
2019-20	47001	25490	54.23 %	24954	97.89 %
2020-21	49600	27271	54.98 %	29191	107.04 %
2021-22	53544	30228	56.45 %	27111	89.68 %
2022-23	62797	30720	48.92 %	31871	103.74 %
2023-24	56167	31959	56.90 %	NA	-

BE: Budget Estimates

NA: Not Available

(c) For general public, in order to better prepare against future pandemics/public health emergencies in the country, Union Ministry of Health provides requisite support to States/UTs to enhance their capabilities.

The 'India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness package' of Rs 15,000 crore was approved by the Government in April 2020 wherein States/UTs were provided required technical and financial assistance for strengthening of their healthcare system for management of the COVID-19 Public Health Challenge. In addition, 'India COVID-19 Emergency Response & Health System Preparedness Package: Phase-II' was also approved by the Cabinet with Rs 23,123 crore (with Rs. 15,000 crore as Central Component & Rs 8,123 crore as State component. Further, along with both phases of the ECRP, the central government also implemented "National COVID India's National COVID-19 Vaccination Programme" to provide free vaccination to all adult citizens during the FY 2021-22 for an expenditure of about 35,000 crore.

To enhance disease surveillance activities, Union Ministry of Health has strengthened the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP), which allows for a decentralized system of response through trained multi-disciplinary Rapid Response Team (RRTs) to institute requisite public health control and containment measures. IDSP, under Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP) has also been strengthened to use advanced data modelling and data analytical tools, contains real-time data reporting, accessible at all levels.

In terms of laboratory strengthening, under IDSP, States have strengthened laboratories at District and State levels. Further, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has established a network of more than 150 Virus Research and Diagnostic Laboratories (VRDLs) for strengthening of nation-wide network of laboratories for timely laboratory based diagnosis of pathogens. In addition besides apex laboratory at National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune and four regional NIVs are being established in Jammu, Jabalpur, Dibrugarh and Bengaluru.

With the long-term goal to better prepare country against public health emergencies, Pradhan Mantri - Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) has been launched to enhance the capacity of primary, secondary and tertiary health care facilities and institutes for identifying and managing any new and emerging diseases.
