

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1415
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11th MARCH, 2025**

COMPONENTS AND SCOPE OF GHE

1415. SHRI SANJEEV ARORA:

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

- (a) the total Government health expenditure (GHE) as a percentage of GDP for 2024-25;
- (b) the components and categories included in GHE calculation, and whether it accounts for expenditures by both the Central and State Governments separately;
- (c) whether expenditures on sanitation, nutrition, pollution control, and other health-related programs under different ministries are included in GHE calculations and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the methodology used to estimate GHE and its alignment with WHO standards; and
- (e) the steps taken to achieve the 2.5 per cent GDP target under NHP 2017?

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

(a) to (d): As per the latest National Health Account (NHA) Estimates for India, the total Government Health Expenditure (GHE) is Rs. 4,34,163 crore which is 1.84% of GDP for the year 2021-22. The Union and State Government have contributed 41.8% and 58.2% to the GHE, respectively, in the year 2021-22.

The NHA estimates adhere to the System of Health Accounts 2011, which is a global standard framework for producing health accounts. Health expenditures include the expenditure associated with the consumption of healthcare goods and services during a given fiscal year in India. However, expenditures related to activities such as food hygiene standards, provision of drinking water, environmental protection, sanitation and other multi-sector initiatives promoting healthy lifestyles are not included in the Health Expenditure.

(e) : As per the National Health Policy 2017, public investment on health is envisioned to reach 2.5% of GDP by 2025. In this context, the 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. The budget allocation for Department of Health & Family Welfare (DoHFW) has increased by 102.64%, from Rs. 47,353 crore in 2017-18 (BE) to Rs. 95,957.87 crore in 2025-26 (BE). Further, The 15th Finance Commission has provided Rs. 70,051 crore Grants for the period 2020-21 to 2025-26 for health through the local Government.
