

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2833
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th MARCH, 2025**

GDP EXPENDITURE ON HEALTH SECTOR

2833# SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN:

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

- (a) the percentage of GDP allocated for the health sector in the last three years;
- (b) the details of the expenditure of the allocated amount during the said period;
- (c) whether the amount allocated, released, and spent during the last three financial general budgets for the health sector is sufficient to achieve the health goals in view of the challenges in the country's health sector;
- (d) the percentage of GDP that has been increased year-wise in the health expenditure during that period; and
- (e) the percentage of GDP that has been suggested to be increased on the health sector by experts?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
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(a) to (e): As per the latest available National Health Accounts (NHA) Estimates 2021-22, Government Health Expenditure (GHE) as a share of GDP was 1.84%. The GHE as a share of GDP has increased from 1.13% in 2014-15 to 1.84% in 2021-22. GHE as share of GDP during the last three years is given in the following table.

Table

Year	GHE as Share of GDP
2019-20	1.35%
2020-21	1.60%
2021-22	1.84%

As per the National Health Policy 2017, public expenditure on health is envisioned to reach 2.5% of GDP by 2025. In this context, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) has also taken up with States to prioritize allocation to health sector and enhance their health budgets at least by 8% of total State budget to reach the goal as envisaged. 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 for the grant period from 2020-21 to 2025-26 has provided Rs. 70,051 crore Grants for health through the local Government.
