

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 262 #
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND JULY, 2025**

PUBLIC EXPENDITURE ON HEALTH

262 # SHRI SANDEEP KUMAR PATHAK:

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

(a) the reasons for not achieving India's public health expenditure to 2.5 per cent of GDP despite repeated recommendations by the 14th and 15th Finance Commissions, the National Health Policy 2017, and the High-Level Expert Group on Universal Health Coverage (2011), and the reasons for not fulfilling these goals, given that current spending stands at just 1.97 per cent of GDP by Government, and health being a primary objective of national development; and

(b) the details of the concrete steps being taken to achieve the said expenditure target in the coming years ?

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

(a) & (b): As per the National Health Policy, 2017, public investment in health is envisioned to reach 2.5% of GDP by 2025. The Government initiatives in this direction are evident from the National Health Accounts Estimates in India, where there has been increase in Government spending on health as percentage of Total Health Expenditure (THE), which was 29.0% in 2014-15 and 48% in 2021-22. Correspondingly, Government Health Expenditure (GHE) as percentage of GDP has increased from 1.13% in 2014-15 to 1.84% in 2021-22. GHE as share of GDP during from FY 2019-20 to FY2021-22 is given in the following table:

| FY | GHE as a % of GDP |
|---------|-------------------|
| 2019-20 | 1.35 |
| 2020-21 | 1.60 |
| 2021-22 | 1.84 |

The 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 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 Governments. Government is making continuous efforts to increase allocation in health budget.
