

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3597
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24TH MARCH, 2026**

BUDGETARY ALLOCATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RESEARCH

3597. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

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

- (a) total budgetary allocation to Department of Health Research (DHR) as percentage of health budget and as percentage of GDP for last five years;
- (b) whether Government has examined concerns raised by 164th Report on Demands for Grants 2025-26 of DHR regarding low allocation, only 3.91 percent of health budget and 0.02 percent of GDP, despite repeated Parliamentary recommendations;
- (c) reasons for non-compliance with Standing Committee's earlier recommendation that at least 5 percent of DoH&FW budget and 5 percent of health budget be allocated for health research: and
- (d) whether Government proposes to enhance investment in health research over next five years, as recommended by Committee?

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

(a) Health Research in India is carried out by Department of Health Research (DHR) as well as other Departments of Central Government like Department of Biotechnology, Department of Science and Technology including Anusandhan National Research Foundation, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Department of Pharmaceuticals, and Department of Atomic Energy apart from the institutions like All India Institutes for Medical Sciences (AIIMS). The year wise budgetary allocation of Department of Health Research since 2021 is as follows:

Sl No.	Year	Allocation at BE stage (in Rs. crores)
1.	2021-22	2663.00
2.	2022-23	3200.65
3.	2023-24	2980.00
4.	2024-25	3301.73
5.	2025-26	3900.69

The annual allocation of Department of Health Research has ranged from 3.34% to 3.91% of health budget while 0.017% to 0.020% of GDP from 2021-22 to 2025-26.

(b) to (d) The Government allocates budget to various departments in view of the overall priority of Government for different sectors of economy. The budget allocation of the Department of Health Research has increased from Rs. 2663.00 crores in financial year 2021-22 to Rs. 4821.21 crore for the financial year 2026-27, there is substantial growth of 81% in the budgetary allocation of the Department of Health Research.
