

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 452
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03RD FEBRUARY, 2026**

ALLOCATION ON HEALTH RESEARCH

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

- (a) the annual allocation for health research as a proportion to India's GDP since 2021, year-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that public funding still continues to be the primary source of fund for meeting the expenditure on health research in the country;
- (c) if so, considering the global standards with respect to investment in health research and in view of the needs of research and innovation in the health sector in the country, whether Government will substantially increase the allocation on health research; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a) to (d): 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). Public funding continues to be the primary source of fund for meeting the expenditure on health research in the country. In the financial year 2021-22, the BE allocation of the Department of Health Research was ₹ 2663.00 crore which has been increased to ₹ 4821.21 crore for the financial year 2026-27. There has, therefore, been a substantial growth of 81% in the budgetary allocation of the Department of Health Research. 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 |
| 6. | 2026-27 | 4821.21 |

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