

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2669
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17th MARCH, 2017**

PUBLIC HEALTH EXPENDITURE

2669. SHRI DHARAM VIRA:

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

- (a) whether it is fact that the Draft National Health Policy, 2015 envisages raising public health expenditure progressively to 2.5 per cent of the GDP; and
- (b) if so, the details in this regard and along with the status of the formal adoption of the Draft National Health Policy, 2015 by the Government?

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

(a): Yes

(b): The draft National Health Policy envisages raising public health expenditure to 2.5% of the GDP in a time bound manner. It envisages that the resource allocation to States will be linked with State development indicators, absorptive capacity and financial indicators. The States would be incentivised to increase State resources for public health expenditure. General taxation will remain the predominant means for financing care.

The Government is committed to bring out the new National Health Policy as approved by the Cabinet.