

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3549
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH MARCH, 2018**

OUT PATIENT HEALTHCARE TREATMENT

3549. SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that a large section of the population in the country spends about 60 per cent of their annual income in out patient healthcare treatment due to skewed primary care system, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps so far for better OPD coverage in Government hospitals which can prevent 44 per cent hospitalisation and if so, the details thereof?

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

(a): Data on the section of the population in the country that spends about 60 per cent of their annual income in out-patient healthcare is not available from official sources at National level. However, as per Consumer Expenditure Survey 2011 conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSS Report 558: Household Consumption of Various Goods and Services in India 2011-12), the percentage share of expenditure on medical care (including inpatient and outpatient care) in consumption expenditure (a proxy of income) is 6.7 percent in rural area and 5.5 percent in the urban area.

(b): “Public Health and Hospitals” being a State subject, the primary responsibility for providing better OPD coverage in Government Hospitals lies with respective State/UT Governments. However, technical and financial support under the National Health Mission (NHM) is being provided to States/UTs for strengthening their healthcare system.

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