

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4027
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04TH JANUARY, 2019**

UNUTILISED HEALTH FUNDS

**4027. DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI SHRIRANGAPPA BARNE:**

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

- (a) whether the total expenditure on health is below 4 per cent of the GDP while the Government expenditure is below 1.3 per cent of GDP;
- (b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has set up target of expenditure of GDP on health sector and actual expenditure incurred during each of the last three years, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether despite massive infrastructure needs and resource crunch the Government had recently returned over Rs. 1,500 crore of the unutilized funds;
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with reasons therefor;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to set any target of expenditure on health sector to be achieved by 2025 and declare health as a fundamental right; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof along with the plan prepared by the Government to achieve it?

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

(a) & (b): Yes. As per the National Health Account estimates for India 2015-16, the total expenditure incurred on health as a percentage of GDP is 3.84%. The Government Health Expenditure is 1.18% of GDP.

In 2004-05 share of Public health expenditure as a percentage of GDP was 0.84%, which has increased to 1.13% of GDP in 2014-15 and further to 1.18% in 2015-16.

(c): Yes, the National Health Policy proposes raising the public health expenditure to 2.5% of the GDP in a time bound manner by 2025 from the current spending levels .

As per the National Health Accounts Estimates for India, Government expenditure on health for the latest available years is as follows :

2013-14 – Rs.1,29,778 Crores

2014-15 – Rs.1,39,949 Crores

2015-16 – Rs.1,61,863 Crores

(d) & (e): Ministry of Health and Family Welfare surrendered Rs. 1048.91 Crore in the year 2017-18. Gross saving of Rs. 1048.91 crore was mainly due to non-filling up of vacant posts, non finalization of procurement proposals, unspent balance lying with the States/Institutes, non-finalization of MoUs within the Executing Agencies, non-receipt of UCs, low absorption of funds by States of North-Eastern Region and by the Grantee Bodies, tender related delays etc.

(f) & (g): The National Health Policy envisages raising Government health spending to 2.5% of GDP by 2025 in a time bound manner. At present, there is no proposal with the Government to declare health as a fundamental right.