

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5498
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26TH JULY, 2019**

PUBLIC HEALTH EXPENDITURE

5498. SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

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

- (a) whether the public health expenditure as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) has been increasing for the last three years but remained within a narrow band of 1.02-1.28 per cent of GDP;
- (b) if so, the details and reasons therefor;
- (c) the total budget allocated for healthcare in the country during the last three years and current year; and
- (d) the measures taken by the Government to provide better healthcare facilities across the country, State/UT-wise?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) & (b): As per the National Health Accounts Estimates, public expenditure on health in India during the latest three years for which data is available is as under:

Year	Public expenditure on health as percentage of GDP
2013-14	1.15%
2014-15	1.13%
2015-16	1.18%

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(c): The budget allocation (BE) for the Department of Health & Family Welfare during the last three years and the current year is as follows:

Year	Budget Allocation (BE) (Rs in crores)
2016-17	37,061.55
2017-18	47,352.51
2018-19	52,800.00
2019-20	61398.12 (Interim Budget)

(d): Government has taken many steps to provide better healthcare facilities across the country. Among others, major steps taken are:

- Launch of Ayushman Bharat, which comprises of two components – (i) Health and Wellness Centres to provide Comprehensive Primary Healthcare and (ii) Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, which provides health coverage of Rs. 5. lakhs per family, per annum, to more than 10 crore poor and vulnerable families, for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization.
- National Health Mission provides financial and technical support to States/UTs for accessible, affordable and quality healthcare in rural and urban areas. All States/UTs are supported for providing free services in maternal health, child health, adolescent health, universal immunization, family planning, communicable diseases such as Tuberculosis, HIV/ AIDS, vector borne diseases like Malaria, Dengue and Kala Azar, Leprosy etc. and non-communicable diseases, provision of free drugs & diagnostics in public health facilities, PM National Dialysis programme etc.

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