

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

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 258  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2023**

**PUBLIC HEALTH SPENDING AS A PERCENTAGE OF GDP**

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

- (a) whether the Government has increased its public expenditure on healthcare services during the last few years and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the public spending on healthcare services is comparatively less in the country despite continuous increase in expenditure and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether any target has been set by the Government to increase public expenditure on healthcare services upto 4 to 5 per cent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
(DR MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)**

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA  
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(a) As per the available data from National Health Accounts (NHA) reports, the Total Health Expenditure and Government Health Expenditure are given in the table below:

<b>Indicators</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
Total Health Expenditure (THE) (Rs. in crore)	4,83,259	5,28,484	5,81,023	5,66,644	5,96,440
Annual Growth of THE (%)	-	9.4	9.9	-2.5	5.3
Government Health Expenditure (GHE) (Rs. in crore)	1,39,949	1,61,863	1,88,010	2,31,104	2,42,219
Annual Growth of GHE (%)	-	15.7	16.2	22.9	4.8
GHE as % of THE	29.0	30.6	32.4	40.8	40.6

The budget allocation for Department of Health & Family Welfare (DoHFW) has increased significantly. The allocation of DoHFW was Rs. 47,353 Crores in 2017-18 (BE) which has reached to Rs. 86,175 crores in 2023-24 (BE), resulting increase of 82% during the same period. Further, the 15th Finance Commission (period:2021-22 to 2025-26) has provided to Rs. 70,051 Crores Grants for health through the Local Government.

With an objective to prevent, detect and respond to the threat posed by COVID-19, the 'India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package-I' (ECRP-I) of Rs.15,000 Crores was approved by the Cabinet on 22nd April 2020. The Cabinet has also approved, "India Covid-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Package-II" (ECRP-II) on 08th July 2021 for an amount of Rs.23,123 Crores.

(b) As per the available data from NHA reports, the General Government Expenditure and Government Health Expenditure are given in the table below:

<b>Indicators</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
General Government Expenditure (GGE) (Rs. in crore)	35,55,332	39,74,103	42,65,969	45,15,946	50,40,707
Government Health Expenditure (GHE) (Rs. in crore)	1,39,949	1,61,863	1,88,010	2,31,104	2,42,219
GHE as %age of GGE	3.94%	4.07%	4.40%	5.12%	4.81%

(c) As per the National Health Policy, 2017, public investment in health is envisioned to reach 2.5% of GDP by 2025. MoHFW has taken up with States to prioritize allocation to health sector and enhance their health budgets at least 10% every year to reach the goal as envisaged. The budget allocation for Department of Health & Family Welfare has increased by 82% from Rs. 47,353 Crores in 2017-18 (BE) to Rs. 86,175 crores in 2023-24 (BE). DoHFW is making continuous efforts to increase allocation in health budget.

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