

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 346  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY, 2023**

**PER CAPITA HEALTH EXPENDITURE ON GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES**

**346. SHRI KARTI P. CHIDAMBARAM:**

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

- (a) the details of combined health expenditure by the Union and State Governments, from FY 2015-16 to 2022-23 alongwith the break-up of the proportion of spending by Union and State Governments, year-wise;
- (b) the details of per capita expenditure by the Union Government on its employees and pensioners under Central Government Health Scheme, Ex-Serviceman Contributory Health Scheme, Railway Health Service, during said period, year-wise;
- (c) the details of per capita expenditure by Union Government on its citizens, during the said period, year-wise;
- (d) whether it is a fact that per capita expenditure on Government employees and pensioners is greater than that on other citizens and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to consider the suggestion of transforming CGHS into a Universal Health Coverage model within the same fiscal space, as per a NITI Aayog study and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (e) : As per the available National Health Accounts Estimates (NHA) Report, the details of the Government Health Expenditure (GHE) with the share of Union and State is as under: -

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
Government Health Expenditure (GHE) (Rs. In crores)	1,61,863	1,88,010	2,31,104	2,42,219
Union government as % of GHE	35.6%	31.4%	40.8%	34.3%
State government as % of GHE	64.4%	68.6%	59.2%	65.7%

*Source: National Health Accounts*

As per the available National Health Accounts Estimates (NHA) Report, the Government Health Expenditure (Centre+State) and Union Government Expenditure on Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS), Ex-Serviceman Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) and Railway Health Services are as given below: -

Year	Expenditure on			
	Government Health Expenditure	Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS)	Ex-Serviceman Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS)	Railway Health Services
2015-16	161863	2531	2563	2213
2016-17	188010	3285	2914	3183
2017-18	231104	3668	3869	3508
2018-19	242219	4060	3226	4606

Source: National Health Accounts

Further, the per capita Government Health Expenditure (Centre + State) for the year 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 & 2018-19 was Rs. 1261, 1418, 1753 & 1815 respectively.

The Ministry has taken many initiatives for improvement of CGHS, some which include extension of the scheme from 25 in 2014 to 77 cities in 2022, settlement of hospital bills on the NHA-IT platform and option to store CGHS card on Digi Locker.

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