

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4071
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24TH MARCH, 2023**

ALLOCATION TO HEALTH BUDGET

4071: SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government allocation to Union Health Budget is 0.35 per cent of GDP in 2023-24;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the National Health Policy, 2017 has recommended to raise the public health spending at 2.5 per cent of GDP by 2025;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has a proposal to raise more funds towards per head expenditure from Rs. 615 to Rs. 1500 per head; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (b): The details of Budget Allocation 2023-24 to Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Department of Health & Family Welfare (DoHFW) & Department of Health Research (DHR)) and Ministry of AYUSH (MoAYUSH) are as below:

Departments/Ministries	Budget Estimates- 2023-24 (Rs. in crore)
DoHFW	86175.00
DHR	2980.00
MoAYUSH	3647.50

(c) to (d): As per the National Health Policy, 2017, public investment in health is envisioned to reach 2.5% of GDP by 2025. Department of Health and Family Welfare (DoHFW) has taken up with States to prioritize allocation to health sector and enhance their health budgets at least by 10%

every year to reach the goal as envisaged. The budget allocation for DoHFW 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 efforts to increase allocation in health budget. The 15th Finance Commission has provided Rs. 70,051 Crores Grants for health through the Local Government.

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 with an objective to prevent, detect and respond to the threat posed by COVID-19.

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.

Pradhan Mantri Jan ArogyaYojana (PMJAY), is the largest publicly funded health protection scheme in the world which provide health cover of Rs. 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization to 60 crore beneficiaries.

(e) to (f): As per National Health Account Estimates, the per capita Government Health expenditure has been increased from Rs. 1108 (2014-15) to Rs. 1815 (2018-19).
