

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 283
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5TH AUGUST, 2022**

EXPENDITURE ON MEDICINES AND PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

***283. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:**

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

- (a) the details of consumption of medicines and prescription drugs in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether Bihar is amongst the highest consumer of medicines and prescription drugs in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the per capita expenditure on medicines and prescription drugs purchased in the country, State/UT-wise including Bihar;
- (d) whether the Government has data on per household or per capita out of pocket expenditure on purchase of medicines; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

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

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) to (e): 'Public Health' being a State subject, the information related to consumption of medicines and prescription drugs in the States is not maintained centrally.

The National Health Accounts (NHA) Estimates for India 2017-18 database provides information on both, prescribed medicines as well as over-the-counter medicines (OTC) consumed by the households. Per capita Out of Pocket Expenditure (OOPE) on prescribed medicine for outpatient care in Bihar in 2017-18 was Rs. 198/- while for OTC medicines, per capita OOPE was Rs 100/-. In comparison with the other states, Bihar ranks lowest in prescribed medicines and for OTC medicines, it is ranked sixth in the list of 21 states ordered from lowest to highest as per their per capita expenditure on OTC medicines. In case of overall medicine, Bihar's rank is lowest. This indicates low consumption of medicine in the state of Bihar.

Table 1: Per capita expenditure on medicines (both prescribed and OTC medicines)

(in Rupees)

State	Prescribed Medicines	OTC- Includes Informal Care	Grand Total
Andhra Pradesh	1311	177	1488
Assam	250	136	386
Bihar	198	100	298
Chattisgarh	321	80	401
Gujarat	509	81	590
Haryana	728	89	817
Himachal Pradesh	1614	86	1700
Jammu and Kashmir	505	116	621
Jharkhand	707	140	847
Karnataka	391	119	510
Kerala	2270	297	2567
Madhya Pradesh	468	90	558
Maharashtra	792	144	936
Odisha	721	153	874
Punjab	1092	132	1224
Rajasthan	579	108	687
Telangana	541	122	663

Tamil Nadu	460	201	661
Uttar Pradesh	992	126	1118
Uttarakhand	270	141	411
West Bengal	1354	145	1499

Source: National Health Accounts Reports, 2017-18, (Based on NSSO round 75th, 2017-18 and Sales data by IQviA).

As per the National Health Accounts (NHA) Estimates for India 2017-18, per capita Total Health Expenditure (THE) is Rs. 4,297 and per capita Out of Pocket Expenditure (OOPE) is Rs. 2,097. The State-wise per capita OOPE is available in Table A.6: Key Health Financing indicators for select States: NHA estimates 2017-18. The report on National Health Accounts (NHA) Estimates for India 2017-18 published in 2021 is available at <https://nhsrcindia.org/sites/default/files/2021-11/National%20Health%20Accounts-%202017-18.pdf>.
