

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3142
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09TH AUGUST, 2024**

GDP ON HEALTHCARE

3142. SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:

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

- (a) whether public spending on health sector has been historically low in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is true that India has always spent a little more than one percent of its Gross Domestic Product on healthcare;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the present expenditure out of the Gross Domestic Product on healthcare;
- (d) whether spending on healthcare has increased in the country while budget of National Health Mission (NHM) has been reduced in recent years; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) to (e) : As per the National Health Policy, 2017, public investment in health is envisioned to reach 2.5% of GDP by 2025. Government initiatives in this direction is evident from the National Health Accounts Estimates in India, where there is significant increase in Government spending on health as percentage of Total Health Expenditure (THE), which was 29.0% in 2014-15 and 41.4% in 2019-20. Correspondingly, Government Health Expenditure (GHE) as percentage of GDP has increased from 1.13% in 2014-15 to 1.35% in 2019-20. Further as per Economic Survey 2023-24, the Health Expenditure as percentage of GDP are 1.6%, 1.9%, 1.9% and 1.9% for the year 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23(RE) and 2023-24(BE) respectively.

The Department of Health and Family Welfare (DoHFW) has also taken up with States to prioritize allocation to health sector and enhance their health budgets at least by 8% of total State budget to reach the goal as envisaged. The budget allocation for DoHFW has increased by 85.2% from Rs. 47,353 crore in 2017-18 (BE) to Rs. 87,657 crore in 2024-25 (BE). The 15th Finance Commission has provided Rs. 70,051 crore Grants for health through the Local

Government.

Under National Health Mission (NHM), Government provides technical and financial support to the States/UTs for improvement in health infrastructure, availability of adequate human resources to health facilities, to improve availability and accessibility to quality health care especially for the underserved and marginalized groups.

Under NHM, during the F.Y. 2024-25, Rs. 36,000 crore has been allocated in Budget Estimate (BE) as against the Revised Estimate (RE) of Rs. 31,550 crore for the F.Y. 2023-24, which is increased about 14%.
