

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3191
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09TH AUGUST, 2024**

HEALTH EXPENDITURE

3191. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI :

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

- (a) whether health expenditure in terms of percentage of total Budget came down from 2.5% in 2018-19 to 1.9% in 2023-24 even though it has gone up in terms of outlay from Rs. 66,000 crores in 2019-20 to Rs. 83,420 crores in 2023-24 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether expenditure is also falling in terms of percentage of GDP from 0.3% in 2018-19 to 0.28% in 2023-24 and if so, the reasons behind low spending in spite of collecting money as Health Cess from the Income Tax payers since 2018, year-wise; and
- (c) the details of Health cess collected since 2018-19 till 2023-24, year-wise and Revised Allocation made for health sector during the period from 2018-19 to 2023-24, year-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b) : As per the National Health Policy, 2017, public investment in health is envisioned to reach 2.5% of GDP by 2025. The National Health Account has estimated Government Health Expenditure (GHE) as percentage of GDP as 1.28% for the year 2018-19, which, as per Economic Survey, has reached 1.9% for the year 2023-24 (BE). The Health Budget from 2019-20 to 2023-24 is given in the given table:

(Rs. In crore)

Budget Estimates (BE)	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Health & Family Welfare	62659	65012	71269	83000	86175
Department of Health Research	1900	2100	2663	3201	2980
Ministry of AYUSH	1940	2122	2970	3050	3648
Total	66499	69234	76902	89251	92803

Further, the 15th Finance Commission has provided Rs. 70,051 crore Grants for health through the Local Government.

(c) : The details of Health & Education Cess collected from Income Tax and Revised Estimates of Health Budget since 2018-19 to 2023-24 is given below

Health & Education Cess from Income Tax (Rs. in crore)	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (RE)
	17793.05	18243.10	18026.39	25592.28	30791.59	38000.00

Source: Receipt Budget, India Budget

The Revised Estimates during the period from 2018-19 to 2023-24, year-wise

Allocation (RE)	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Department of Health & Family Welfare	54303	62659	78866	82921	76370	77625
Department of Health Research	1743	1950	4062	3080	2775	2893
Ministry of AYUSH	1693	1857	2322	2664	2846	3000
Total	57738	66466	85250	88665	81991	83518
