

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2066  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2024**

**INCREASE IN HEALTH SPENDING**

**2066: SHRI RAMASAHAYAM RAGHURAM REDDY:**

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

- (a) the details of health spending as a percentage of GDP during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government has set any target to increase this percentage;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has taken any steps to increase health spending especially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE  
(SHRIMATI ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) to (e). As per the National Health Accounts Estimates for India, the Government Health Expenditure (GHE) as percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) has increased from 1.13% in 2014-15 to 1.84% in 2021-22. The GHE as percentage of GDP for the last three years are given below:

<b>Indicators</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>
GHE % GDP	1.35	1.60	1.84

As per the National Health Policy 2017, public investment on health is envisioned to reach 2.5% of GDP by 2025. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) has taken up with States to prioritize allocation to health sector and enhance their Health Budgets at least 10% every year. The budget allocation for Department of Health & Family Welfare (DoHFW) has increased by 85% from Rs. 47,353 crore in 2017-18 (BE) to Rs. 87,657 crore in 2024-25 (BE). Further, the 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission provided Rs. 70,051 crore Grants for health through the local Governments.

The 'India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package'(ECRP) of Rs. 15,000 crore was approved by the Government in April 2020 wherein States/UTs were provided required technical and financial assistance for strengthening of their healthcare system for management of the COVID-19 Public Health Challenge. In addition, ECRP Phase-II was also approved by the Cabinet with Rs. 23,123 crore (with Rs. 15,000 crore as Central component & Rs. 8,123 crore as State component). Moreover, the Central Government also implemented "National COVID-19 Vaccination Programme" to provide free vaccination to all adult citizens during the FY 2021-22 for an expenditure of about Rs.35,000 crore.

Further, the PM-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission ( PM-ABHIM) was launched as a mission to develop the capacities of primary, secondary and tertiary health care systems; strengthen existing national institutions and create new institutions to cater to detection and cure of new and emerging diseases. PM-ABHIM is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with some Central Sector components with an outlay of Rs. 64,180 crore.

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