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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3277 TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH AUGUST, 2016

REGIONAL VARIATIONS IN HEALTH SPENDING

3277. SHRI DHARAM VIRA:

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

(a) whether the Government is aware of wide range of regional variations in public health spending, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to improve the situation including providing additional funding to States/UTs?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)

(a): The Government is aware of wide range of variations in public health spending among States & UTs. The information on public health spending among the States & UTs is annexed.

Public health is a State subject and it is up to the States to decide the level of public funding for health.

(b): The steps taken by the Government to improve the situation including additional funding are as follows:

(i) Under National Health Mission (NHM), funds are provided to States to strengthen their health care system. Funding is also provided to States under other Centrally Sponsored Schemes viz. Rastriya Swasthya Bima Yojna (RSBY), Human Resources for Health & Medical Education and Tertiary Care Programme /Schemes.

(ii) The funding pattern has been revised to 60:40 between the Centre and the State (except NE & Hill States) for Centrally Sponsored Schemes. This will ensure higher contribution by States for such schemes.

(iii) The States are required to increase their State Health Budget by at least 10% as per the MOU between the Union and State Government for NHM.

(iv) Under the NHM, the funds allocated per capita are more for hill States, North Eastern (NE) States and those States that are relatively backward from socio–economic point of view.

(v) Regular reviews are made to ensure that States utilise the released funds.

States/UTs	2013-14 (Actual)* Rs. Thousand
Andaman & Nicobar Island	2,018,049
Andhra Pradesh	63,727,949
Arunachal Pradesh	3,568,173
Assam	17,109,325
Bihar	26,554,463
Chhattisgarh	15,815,142
Delhi	30,673,563
Goa	4,631,213
Gujarat	51,382,290
Haryana	18,948,686
Himachal Pradesh	11,747,197
Jammu & Kashmir	13,647,101
Jharkhand	11,492,248
Karnataka	46,561,807
Kerala	36,380,638
Madhya Pradesh	34,907,987
Maharashtra	74,097,210
Manipur	4,121,708
Meghalaya	4,520,667
Mizoram	3,479,035
Nagaland	3,021,764
Odisha	20,143,774
Puducherry	3,611,382
Punjab	20,984,847
Rajasthan	47,956,209
Sikkim	2,559,763
Tamil Nadu	62,017,984
Tripura	4,091,047
Uttar Pradesh	94,882,241
Uttarakhand	10,735,329
West Bengal	49,201,561

Health Expenditure by States and Union Territories

Source:

*Health Sector Financing by Centre & States /UTs in India [2013-14 to 2015-16], National Health Accounts Cell, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India.