

care management in the country. The treatment of cancer is either free or subsidized in the Government institutions. The Government has set up the “Health Minister’s Cancer Patient Fund” (CPF) to provide financial assistance to Below Poverty Line (BPL) Cancer patients for treatment of this chronic disease.

The fund allocation for the National Cancer Control Program pertaining to last three years is as under:-

Year	Allocation (Rs. in Crores)
2007-08	110.00
2008-09	105.00
2009-10	120.00

Curtailment in budgetary allocation for health schemes

†*499. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has made curtailment in health budget;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of health-schemes in respect of which budget has been curtailed; and
- (d) whether Government has made an assessment of the effects of curtailment in health budget on human resource development in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) no curtailment has been made in the health budget. Rather, there is a steady increase in the allocation for the entire health sector over the years as given below:-

Year	Plan	Non-Plan	Total
2006-07	11688.00	1322.55	13010.55
2007-08	14363.00	1491.88	15854.88
2008-09	16534.00	1589.00	18123.00
2009-10	19534.00	3107.33	22641.33

Difference between consumer purchase price and producers’ selling price

†*500. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.