

**Expenditure on healthcare sector**

†767. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of Gross Domestic product (GDP) that was spent on the Health Sector during the last three years;
- (b) whether the expenditure on health in the Public Sector remains very low in comparison to the Private Sector;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) the amount of money spent/being spent on an average per year on the Health Sector during the last three years and current year;
- (e) whether commercialisation of the Health Sector has taken place on the large scale in the country; and
- (f) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI ANUPRIYA PATEL): (a) to (c) According to the latest available data from the World Health Organisation Global Health Expenditure Database, India's current healthcare expenditure as a percentage of GDP in 2013, 2014 and 2015 was 3.75%, 3.63% and 3.89% respectively. The values for domestic general Government health expenditure as percentage of GDP in 2013, 2014 and 2015 were 0.86%, 0.86% and 1.0% respectively.

Health being a State subject, the Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments through financial assistance. The Central Government allocation of funds for health sector is based *inter-alia* on the availability of resources and competing claims on these resources. An increased growth rate of the economy generates increased resources for funding the health sector. In addition to this, availability of overall resources, past utilisation, requirements and absorptive capacity *inter-alia* guide the allocation to the health sector.

- (d) As per Economic Survey, 2017-18 Volume-2 brought out by the Ministry of Finance, the total expenditure by Government (Central and State Governments combined) on health for last three years, is as under:

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- (i) 2015-16 - ₹ 1.52 lakh crores
- (ii) 2016-17 - ₹ 2.26 lakh crores
- (iii) 2017-18 - ₹ 2.25 lakh crores.

(e) The public health services in India are perceived to be inadequate. This has led to the emergence of a large private sector in health that contributes towards commercialization of the health sector.

The focus of the Government is to provide accessible, affordable and accountable quality healthcare facilities to all section of society especially the marginalized section in the country without anyone having to face financial hardship as a consequence, mainly through its two major initiatives viz. National Health Mission and Ayushman Bharat.

#### **New medical colleges in Bihar**

†768. SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the places in Bihar where new medical colleges are planned to be opened and the updated status thereof;
- (b) the progress made with regard to opening of medical college in Buxar and by when it would be established as per the current situation;
- (c) whether it is a fact that no land has been made available so far for the proposed medical college in Samastipur: and
- (d) if so, whether Government has made any effort for acquisition of land so that the college can be set up by providing required land?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) to (d) This Ministry administers a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Establishment of new Medical Colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals. Under the Phase-I of this Scheme, three districts in Bihar namely, Purnia, Saran (Chhapra) and Samastipur have been identified to establish new medical colleges. Purnia and Saran (Chhapra) have been approved for establishment of new medical colleges and funds to the tune of ₹ 108.00 crore have been released to the State Government of Bihar. DPR for medical college at Samastipur has not been

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