

Inadequate expenditure for healthcare sector

450. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that public expenditure on health have been found to be inadequate and if so, the details thereof during the last three years;

(b) how does the public expenditure on health in India compare with other developing nations; and

(c) the extent to which Government is committed to Universal Health Coverage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI ANUPRIYA PATEL): (a) As per Economic Survey, 2017-18 (Volume-II) brought out by Ministry Finance, the health expenditure by General Government (Centre and States) as percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for last three years is as under:

(i) 2014-15 - 1.2%

(ii) 2015-16 - 1.1%

(iii) 2016-17(RE) - 1.5%

(b) A Statement showing health expenditure as percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in India *vis-à-vis* select developing countries for 2015 as available in the World Health Organization Global Health Expenditure database is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) The National Health Policy 2017 envisages achieving Universal Health Coverage. The policy envisages achieving this through:

(i) Assuring availability of free, comprehensive primary health care services, for all aspects of reproductive, maternal, child and adolescent health and for the most prevalent communicable, non-communicable and occupational diseases in the population.

(ii) Ensuring improved access and affordability, of quality secondary and tertiary care services through a combination of public hospitals and well measured strategic purchasing of services in health care deficit areas, from private care providers, especially the not-for profit providers.

The Finance Minister for his budget speech on 1st February, 2018 has announced that the government is steadily but surely progressing towards the goal of Universal Health Coverage.

Statement

Details of health expenditure as percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in India vis-à-vis select developing countries for 2015

Sl. No.	Country	Domestic General Government Health Expenditure (GGHE-D) as % Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
1.	Republic of Korea	4.17
2.	Russian Federation	3.40
3.	Brazil	3.81
4.	South Africa	4.39
5.	Thailand	2.91
6.	China	3.18
7.	Bhutan	2.51
8.	Sri Lanka	1.59
9.	Indonesia	1.28
10.	Vietnam	2.36
11.	Philippines	1.39
12.	India	1.00
13.	Pakistan	0.74
14.	Nepal	1.11

Source: Global Health Expenditure Database of World Health Organization.

Cervical cancer vaccine in public health programme

451. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has taken an in principle call against the introduction of the cervical cancer vaccine in the public health programme;

(b) whether it is also a fact that according to World Health Organization, India is a fit case for introduction of the HPV vaccine as cervical cancer now kills more women in the country than any other maternal mortality causes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA): (a) to (c) NTAGI is India's apex technical advisory body