

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 244  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2023**

**ANNUAL SPENDING ON HEALTH**

**244. SHRI NEERAJ DANGI:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is no improvement in the area of health in the country despite the National Health Insurance Scheme being run by Government and various insurance schemes run by the State Governments;
- (b) whether Government has any data regarding the amount spent on health in the country every year, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the percentage of its GDP being spent by Government currently on health in the country, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(PROF. S. P. SINGH BAGHEL)**

(a) to (c) : National Health Policy 2017 envisages to provide universal access to good quality health care services through increasing access, increasing affordability by lowering the cost of healthcare delivery and equity. The goal of the policy is to attain the highest possible level of health and wellbeing for all at all ages through a preventive and promotive health care orientation in all developmental policies and universal access to good quality health care services without anyone having to face financial hardship as a consequence.

The Government has launched four mission mode projects, namely PM-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM), Ayushman Bharat Health & Wellness Centres (ABHWCs), Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) and Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM). Recently Government has launch Ayushman Bhav campaign. The 'Ayushman Bhav' campaign, is a comprehensive nationwide healthcare initiative that aims to provide saturation coverage of healthcare services, reaching every village and town in the country. This groundbreaking initiative builds upon the success of the Ayushman Bharat program and signifies a paradigm shift in healthcare services.

Other notable initiatives are National Health Mission (NHM), setting up of new AIIMS, upgrading of Government medical colleges under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna (PMSSY), support to States/UTs for setting up of new medical colleges as well as for increasing UG and PG medical seats, provision of free drugs and free diagnostic facilities at Primary Health Centres (PHC)/ Community Health Centres (CHC) and district hospital level, substantial increase in availability of government ambulances etc.

As per the available National Health Accounts Estimates for India, the Out of Pocket Expenditure as percentage of Total Health Expenditure (THE) has been reduced from 64.2% (2013-14) to 47.1% (2019-20). Further, the details of Total Health Expenditure (THE), Government Health Expenditure (GHE) and Government Health Expenditure (GHE) as percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) are given in table as under:

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>
Total Health Expenditure (THE) Rs. in crore	4,53,106	4,83,259	5,28,484	5,81,023	5,66,644	5,96,440	6,55,822
Government Health Expenditure (GHE) (Rs. in Crore)	1,29,778	1,39,949	1,61,863	1,88,010	2,31,104	2,42,219	2,71,544
GHE as percentage of GDP	1.15%	1.13%	1.18%	1.2%	1.35%	1.28%	1.35%

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