

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

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PER-CAPITA EXPENDITURE ON HEALTH  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the per-capita expenditure on health during the last three years in both Public and Private Sector;
- (b) the percentage of GDP spent on health in India during the last three years; and
- (c) the target fixed and the achievement made in regard to above mentioned parts (a) and (b) in the Ninth Plan period?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

- (a) As per the World Health Report, 2003 of WHO, the per capita total expenditure on health in the country during 1999 and 2000 was \$ 23 and during 2001 it increased marginally to \$ 24. However, the per capita public expenditure on health remained constant at \$ 4 during these three years.
- (b) As per the World Health Report, 2003 of WHO, the total expenditure on health in the country as a percentage of GDP was 5.2 during 1999 and 5.1 during 2000 and 2001.
- (c) No, such targets were fixed during the Ninth Plan. However, the National Health Policy, 2002 envisages to increase the total health sector expenditure to 6% of GDP, with 2% of GDP being contributed as public investment by the year 2010.