

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

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

- (a) the amount spent/being spent per capita by the Union Government on medical treatment ;
- (b) whether this amount is far less in comparison to other countries of the world such as Japan, America, England France and China ;
- (c) if so, the comparative details thereof ;
- (d) whether the Union Government is considering to increase the amount; and
- (e) if so, by which final decision in this regard is likely to be taken? ANSWER

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

- (a) The per capita expenditure on health by the Union Government for the year 2004-05 is Rs. 137.
- (b) to (c) Comparative figures of per capita health expenditure across countries for the year 2002 are given below:

Country	Total per Capita Health Expenditure (PPP-USD)
India	96
Japan	2133
America	5274
England	2160
France	2736
China	261

Source : UNDP Human Development Report, 2005.

- (d) to (e) Yes, Sir. Under the mandate of the National Common Minimum Programme of the Government, health care is one of the seven thrust areas wherein it is proposed to increase the expenditure in health sector from the current 0.9% of GDP to 2-3% of GDP over the next five years with main focus on Primary Health Care. The Budgetary allocation for health sector has increased by about 30% in 2005-06 over that of 2004-05.