

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAISING PUBLIC SPENDING ON HEALTH
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposals to raise public spending on health from 0.9% to 2.3% of GDP to meet the expenses of health programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The National Common Minimum Programme has suggested raising public spending on health from 0.9% to at least 2-3% of GDP over the next 5 years. Given this objective and the need to provide accessible, quality and affordable health care, the Government has launched the National Rural Health Mission. The Mission seeks to provide effective health care to rural population throughout the country with special focus on 18 States with poor health indicators and weak health infrastructure. Besides, tertiary health care facilities are being strengthened across various States through setting up of 6 AIIMS like institutions and also providing one time assistance to 13 Institutions.