

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:411

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PUBLIC HEALTH SPENDING

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

- (a) whether India ranks lowest in the percentage share of GDP spending on public health as compared to the other countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the annual budgetary allocation and per capita expenditure incurred on various health services/schemes in the country, State-wise including Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh during the last three years;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to expand healthcare delivery programme and to improve the availability of beds in the Government hospitals;
- (e) if so, the details of the perhead availability of bed in Government hospitals in the country, State-wise including Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Union Government to increase its share on public health spendings?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.411 FOR 23-04-2010

(a) & (b): Based on the information available, Government health expenditure as percent of Gross Domestic Product for India is estimated to be 0.9 percent for the year 2006. Countries lower than India are Pakistan (0.3%), Burundi (0.7%), Myanmar (0.3%), Guinea (0.8%) and Lao People's Democratic Republic(0.7%).

(c): The details of the annual budgetary allocation and per capita expenditure incurred on various health services/schemes in the states including Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh during last three years 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 is given at Annexure – I.

(d): "Health" is a State subject. It is, therefore, the primary responsibility of state governments to ensure adequate, affordable and accessible healthcare to its citizens. However, to expand access to primary and secondary health delivery services, Government of India provides financial assistance to state governments for construction and upgradation of health infrastructure as per need. Further, under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) Scheme, around 12000 beds are expected to be added.

(e): State-wise details of average population served per Government hospital bed in the country including Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh are given at Annexure-II.

(f): To enhance the share of public expenditure on health, the Government of India has raised the plan outlay for the health sector to Rs. 72731 crore in the first four years of the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-08 to 2010-11) from an actual expenditure of Rs. 36079 crore in the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-03 to 2006-07).