

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR HEALTH SECTOR

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the allocation of funds for health sector during the Twelfth Plan period;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the present fund allocation in health sector as compared to our neighbouring countries;
- (c) the details of various health and family welfare schemes/missions being run by the Government, State-wise/UT-wise;
- (d) the number of persons covered under these health schemes/missions, State/UTwise;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to conduct internal and external audit of funds allocated and utilised under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM);and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): As per the presentation 'Issues for Approach to Twelfth Five Year Plan' made in the full Planning Commission Meeting held on 21st April 2011, it has been indicated that the expenditure on health by Centre and States needs to be increased from 1.3% of GDP at present, to 2.0 per cent and perhaps even 2.5 per cent by the end of the Twelfth Five Year Plan. The Central Plan allocation for the health sector for the year 2011-12 is Rs. 26760 crore. Comparable Data on fund allocation for health sector in neighbouring countries is not available. However, according to World Health Statistics 2011 published by World Health Organization (WHO), the public expenditure on Health as percentage share of Gross Domestic Product in India works out to 1.36 % in 2008 as compared to public expenditure on Health in respect of some neighbouring countries, e.g. China: 2.03 %, Bangladesh: 1.04 %, Nepal: 2.26 %, Pakistan: 0.84 %, Sri Lanka: 1.79 % in 2008.

(c): A large number of Centrally sponsored health schemes/ programmes are presently in operation throughout the country. These include: Reproductive & Child Health (RCH-II), Pulse Polio Immunization, Routine Immunization, National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme, Revised National TB Control Programme, National Programme for Control of Blindness, Integrated Diseases Surveillance Programme and National Iodine Deficiency Disorder Control Programme under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). The other major Centrally Sponsored Health Schemes/ Programmes include National Cancer control programme, National Mental Health Programme, National AIDS Control Programme, etc.

(d): Statements showing State-wise number of persons benefited under various Centrally Sponsored Health Programmes are given at Annexures -I to VI.

(e) & (f): The Government is regularly conducting internal and external audit of funds allocated and utilized under the National Rural Health Mission. Internal audit of NRHM at Central and State level is conducted by Principal Pay & Accounts Office of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, while external audit is conducted by Director General of Audit, Central Expenditure (DGACE). The Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) also conducts the Performance Audit of the NRHM, which was last conducted at the Central, State, District and Block levels for the period 2005-08. In addition, external audit of the State and District Health Societies is also conducted annually by the Chartered Accountants' firms selected through open tender systems by the States and UTs. There is also a system of Concurrent Audit of the State and District Health Societies on a monthly/quarterly basis to facilitate proper maintenance of accounts and bring about improvement in the financial management systems under NRHM in the States.