

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
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EXPENDITURE ON SOCIAL SECTOR
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the expenditure on social services sector has increased merely from 0.67% to 1.34% and in rural welfare from 0.32% to 0.42% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) from the Eighth Five Year Plan to the Eleventh Five Year Plan respectively;
- (b) if so, whether the present spending on social welfare is 1.1% of GDP which is very less as compared to other developing countries;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the steps taken or being taken to increase the expenditure on social welfare; and
- (e) the funds allocated to social sector for minorities, especially to UP?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a): The government expenditure, for Centre and States combined, on social and community services as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is estimated to have increased from 5 % during the Eighth Five Year Plan to 5.3 % during the Tenth Five Year Plan. The government expenditure on rural development during this period has increased from 0.95% of GDP to 0.97 % of GDP. The budget allocation for social and community services and rural development for 2007-08 of Eleventh Five Year Plan was 6 % and 1% respectively.

(b): As per Human Development Report 2007-08 released by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the government expenditure on health and education which constitute the major components of social welfare for India are estimated at 0.9% and 3.8% of GDP respectively. The comparable numbers for some of the developing countries are given below.

Public Expenditure on Health and Education in selected countries (As % of GDP)

Countries	Expenditure on health (% of GDP)	Expenditure on education (% of GDP)
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	2004	2002-05
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China	1.8	1.9
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Phillipines	1.4	2.7
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Srilanka	2.0	-
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Indonesia 1.0 0.9

South Africa 3.5 5.4

India 0.9 3.8

Pakistan 0.4 2.3

Bangladesh 0.9 2.5

Nepal 1.5 3.4

Source: Human Development Report 2007-08, UNDP.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): The government has enhanced the budget allocation for a number of social sector schemes viz. NREGS (National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme), IAY (Indira Awaas Yojana), RGGVY (Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Viduytikaran Yojana), NRHM (National Rural Health Mission), Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY), etc. in the Union Budget 2009-10.

(e): Funds to the tune of Rs. 1750 crores have been allocated for the welfare of the minorities in the Union Budget 2009-10. The outlay approved for welfare of minorities along with the outlay approved under social services sector of Uttar Pradesh for the Annual Plan 2007-08 & 2008-09 are given below. (Rs. in crore)

S.No. Welfare of minorities Social Service Sector

1. Annual Plan 2007-08 8.58 9678.51
Approved Outlay

2. Annual Plan 2008-09 12.50 12384.83
Approved Outlay