

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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AMOUNT SPENT ON SOCIAL WELFARE SCHEMES  
Baal Thiru Thalikkottai Rajuthevar

**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total Government spending on social welfare schemes, as a percentage of GDP, for last three years;
- (b) whether India has the lowest State Spending of GDP on such schemes among nations such as China, Russia, Brazil and details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the Government spending on social welfare schemes?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK)

(a) According to Economic Survey, 2011-12, the combined expenditure of the Central and State Governments on social services during the last three years, as a percentage of GDP, is given below:-

Year Expenditure on social  
services as %age of GDP

2009-10 6.91  
2010-11 (RE) 7.34  
2011-12 (BE) 6.74

BE: Budget Estimates: RE: Revised Estimates

(b) As per United Nations Human Development Report (UNHDR) 2010, the public expenditure as percentage of GDP, on health and education – the most important components of social services – for China, Russia, Brazil and India for the period 2000-2007, is given below:-

Country	Health	Education
China	1.9	1.9
Russia	3.5	3.9
Brazil	3.5	5.2
India	1.1	3.2

(c) The expenditure on social services (Centre and State combined) has consistently increased during the last three years, as reflected in the table below:-

Amount in Rs. Crore

Year Expenditure on social  
services (Centre and  
State combined)

2009-10 4,46,382  
2010-11 (RE) 5,62,970  
2011-12 (BE) 6,00,516