

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO HEALTH SECTOR

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

- (a) the funds allocated and spent on the health sector compared to other important sectors in the country during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) spending on health sector is low as compared to certain developed countries;
- (c) whether the Government has decided to increase its total health expenditure to 2.5 per cent of GDP from the current 1.4 per cent by the end of the Twelfth Plan; and
- (d) if so, the details of Government proposal to allocate adequate resources for the health sector to achieve the target along with its present status?

Answer

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

- (a) As per Economic Survey 2011-12, the Social Service Expenditure by General Government on the health sector as compared with other social sectors in the country during 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 is annexed. The State/UT wise allocation of funds allocated and spent on various social service sectors is not maintained centrally.
- (b) According to World Health Statistics 2011 published by World Health Organization (WHO), the total expenditure on health as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 2008, is 4.2% for India as compared to some select developed countries like Germany 10.5%, France 11.2%, United Kingdom 8.7% and Japan 8.3% .
- (c) & (d) The Planning Commission in their document – "Faster, Sustainable and More Inclusive Growth: An Approach to the 12th Five Year Plan", aims at raising the total public health expenditure to 2.5% of GDP by the end of the Twelfth Plan.