

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1289

ANSWERED ON:17.08.2012

HEALTH SPENDING

Mahato Shri Narahari;Premajibhai Dr. Solanki Kiritbhai;Roy Shri Nripendra Nath;Singh Shri Sushil Kumar

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

- (a) whether the India's spending on health section in comparison to its GDP is less than certain neighbouring countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the percentage of total GDP allocated for Health Sector in the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government has committed itself to raising its expenditure on health from 1% of the GDP to 2.5% of the GDP by the end of Twelfth Plan and if so, the reasons for allocating only Rs. 10507.53 crore which is less than the proposed outlay for 2012-13;
- (d) whether the less allocation of funds would adversely impact the public health sector's ability to cater to the healthcare needs of the people at large; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken to ensure that the important programmes and schemes do not get affected due to less allocation of funds?

Answer

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

(a) As per World Health Statistics 2012 brought out by World Health Organisation (WHO), the total expenditure on health as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 2009, is 4.2% for India as compared to some select neighbouring countries like Sri Lanka 3.2%, Bangladesh 3.4%, Nepal 5.5% and Pakistan 2.2%.

(b) As per Economic Survey 2011-12, the Expenditure by General Government on health as percentage of GDP during 2008-09 to 2011-12 is as under:

2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
---------	---------	---------	---------

1.31	1.36	1.35	1.30
------	------	------	------

(c) 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. The Central Plan Outlay for Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for 2012-13 is 30,477 crore (BE) against plan proposal of Rs 52375.25 crore. The allocation has been made, based on resource availability and sectoral priorities.

(d) & (e) The allotted funds under Budget Estimates (BE) have been reallocated amongst the various schemes under Health and Family welfare, taking into account the requirements under the schemes and their priorities.