

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:36  
ANSWERED ON:23.11.2012  
UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a High Level Expert Group has called for stepping up of public investment in health and on medicines by the end of the Twelfth Five Year Plan;
- (b) If so, the details thereof and the action taken or proposed by the Government in this regard;
- (c) Whether the Union Government along with State Governments have worked out the financial modalities and operational guidelines for the implementation of proposed Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and National Health Mission (NHM); and
- (d) If so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 36 FOR 23rd NOVEMBER, 2012

(a) & (b): The High Level Expert Group (HLEG) on Universal Health Coverage set up by Planning Commission has recommended inter-alia for raising the public expenditure on health from the current level of 1.2% of GDP to at least 2.5% of GDP by the end of the Twelfth Plan, and to at least 3% of GDP by 2022, and for ensuring availability of free essential medicines by increasing public spending on drug procurement. As per the Approach paper to 12th Five Year Plan, the aim is to increase total health expenditure to 2.5% of GDP by the end of 12th Plan. The recommendations of the High Level Expert Group (HLEG) are considered by the Planning Commission during formulation of the 12th Five Year Plan. The Plan is implementable, after the approval of National Development Council (NDC).

(c) & (d) : The Government is committed to implement the 12th Five Year Plan and Develop detail modalities and operational guidelines within the contours of the approved plan.