

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PUBLIC HEALTH SPENDING

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

- (a) whether India ranks very low in the world in the matter of public health mspending;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has any plans to increase the allocation for the public health spending; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Ranking of the countries in the world based on public health spending is not available in the published statistical documents of international organizations like World Health Organization, UNDP, etc. Based on the information available from the World Health Statistics, 2009, the public health spending as percentage of GDP has been estimated to be 0.9% in the year 2006 as compared to average of countries in the South East Asia region of around 1.1% and global average of around 5%.

The Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12) aims to raise public health spending to at least 2% of GDP during the Plan period. To support the public health system in the States, Government of India had launched the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in 2005. The Mission has an outlay of Rs. 90,558 crore during the 11th Plan period. The allocation for a number of other programmes has also been enhanced substantially in the first two years of the Plan. As per the 'National Health Accounts India -2004-05 with provisional estimates from 2005-06 to 2008-09', the public expenditure on health as share of GDP has increased from 0.98% in 2006-07 to 1.10% in the year 2008-09.