

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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GDP FOR HEALTH SECTOR

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

- (a) the total expenditure incurred on health sector vis-a-vis its percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) as compared to other sectors during each of the last three years and the current year so far;
- (b) whether the expenditure on health as percentage of GDP in the 12th Five Year Plan so far is very low;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase the allocation of funds for health sector in the remaining period of the 12th Five Year Plan?

**Answer**

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

(a) A statement showing expenditure on health sector as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) as compared with other social sectors in the country during 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-2012, sourced from Economic Survey 2011-12, is annexed.

(b) to (d): As per the 12th Five Year Plan document, total public funding by the Centre and States, plan and non-plan, on core health is envisaged to increase to 1.87 per cent of GDP by the end of the Twelfth Plan. When viewed in the perspective of the broader health sector, the total Government expenditure as a proportion of GDP is envisaged to increase to 3.04 per cent by the end of the

Twelfth Plan. The allocation of 12th Five Year Plan for Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has substantially increased to Rs. 300018 crore. Allocation of funds for health in the remaining period of the 12th Five Year Plan is based inter-alia, on the availability of resources and competing claims on these resources. An increase in growth rate of the economy generates increased resources for funding the health sector.