

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

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

- (a) whether India ranks quite low so far as expenditure on public health is concerned;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to bring Public Health (Amendment) Bill; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) & (b) Ranking of the countries in the world based on public health spending is not available in the published statistical documents of international organisations like World Health Organization (WHO), UNDP, etc. However, according to World Health Statistics-2009 published by WHO, the expenditure on public health as percentage of GDP for India in the year 2006, was 0.9%.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.