

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

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INVOLVEMENT OF PUBLIC SECTOR IN HEALTH SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to raise public sector involvement in health sector from the present 1.5 per cent to 2.5 per cent; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) : The Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12) aims to raise public health spending to at least 2% of GDP during the Plan period. According to National Health Accounts India 2004-05 (with provisional estimates from 2005-06 to 2008-09) the public expenditure on health as percentage share of GDP was 1.10% in 2008-09. To increase the health budget and to support the public health system in the States, Government of India had launched the National Rural Health Mission in 2005 and this has an outlay of Rs. 90,558 crore during the 11th Plan period. The Mission aims to provide quality health services which are accessible, affordable and accountable. It also strengthens the primary health care in the country. The allocation for a number of other programmes has also been enhanced substantially in the first three years of the Plan period.