

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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PER CAPITA EXPENDITURE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether per-capita medical expenditure, the per-capita expenditure on medical facilities in India is quite less as compared to other Asian countries;
- (b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to make available better medical facility to the people; and
- (c) the amount of funds allocated for the health and family welfare programmes during the last three years, year-wise?

Answer

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

(a): Separate data on per-capita medical expenditure and per-capita expenditure on medical facilities is not available. However, according to World Health Statistics 2009 published by World Health Organisation (WHO), the per-capita total expenditure on health (at average exchange rate) in India is US\$29 as compared to some select Asian countries viz. Bangladesh US\$12, Pakistan US\$16, Nepal US\$17, Indonesia US\$39, Philippines US\$52, Sri Lanka US\$62, China US\$ 94 and Thailand US\$113, in the year 2006.

(b): A number of measures have been initiated by the Government in the spheres of primary, secondary, tertiary healthcare and control of Communicable and Non-communicable diseases in order to make available better medical facility to the people.

To improve the existing delivery system particularly in primary and secondary healthcare, the National Rural Health Mission was launched in 2005. The Mission inter-alia seeks to provide accessible, affordable, accountable, effective and quality health care facilities, especially to the poor and vulnerable sections of the population. The Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) is another major initiative of the Government of India for developing tertiary healthcare in the country particularly to enable the availability of such facilities on a regional basis. It is also expected to reduce imbalance in human resources development by providing health care services through establishment of medical colleges and improved service delivery.

(c): The amount of funds allocated for the health and family welfare programmes by the Union Government during the last three years as well as current year are given in the table below.

Table: Funds allocated for Health, Family Welfare, AYUSH and Health Research Programmes

Years Amount (Rs. in crore)

2006-07 11688.00

2007-08 14363.00

2008-09 16534.00

2009-10 19534.00

