

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

- (a) the details of per capita health expenditure in the country including Haryana and Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the measures taken to improve the health expenditure and hospital bed available and per capita bed availability in the country where per capital expenditure is below the national average; and
- (c) the per capita hospital bed availability in the country including Haryana and Tamil Nadu?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): State-wise details of per capita health expenditure and Government hospital bed availability per 100,000 population in the country, are given at annexure.

To improve the existing health delivery system by increasing health expenditure 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 Mission also takes care of infrastructure development in the healthcare institutions. 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. These measures include inter-alia improved availability of hospital beds in the States including those States where per capita health expenditure is below the national average.