

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

- (a) whether the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) was introduced to improve health infrastructure in rural areas but still Government expenditure on health sector has been stagnant which led to greater dependence on the private sector for healthcare facilities;
- (b) whether the Government has noticed that people bear a large amount of the spending on health from their pocket and Government contributes a meagre amount of the total spending on health;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to raise the expenditure on public healthcare; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a): The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) was launched in April 2005 to provide financial support to States/UTs to strengthen their health systems particularly to cater to the healthcare needs of rural areas, which inter-alia include support for : establishment/up-gradation/renovation of health infrastructure; engagement of nurses, doctors and specialists on contract basis to meet deficit in human resources in health sector; making available improved health facilities including free essential medicines in all public health facilities; selection and training of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA); for Mobile Medical Units and Emergency Referral Transport Services and for initiatives like Janani-Shishu Suraksha Karyakram(JSSK), Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) and Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK). The budgeted outlays of Government of India for health and family welfare sector have increased from Rs. 10733.56 crores in 2005-06 to Rs. 29653 crores in 2015-16.

(b) & (c): As per World Health Statistics 2014 published by World Health Organization, 'Out of Pocket' expenditure accounts for 60 percent of total expenditure on health in India in 2011. Public expenditure on health as percentage of total expenditure on health in India in 2011 stands at 30.5%.

(d) & (e): 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. Viewed in the perspective of the broader health sector, the total Government expenditure as a proportion of GDP is envisaged to increase to 2.5 per cent by the end of the Twelfth Plan.