

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

- (a) whether with a spending of about one per cent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), our country ranks lowest in public healthcare spending in the world;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether World Health Organization (WHO) has urged all developing countries including India to allocate at least 5 per cent of their GDP on health sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): World Health Organization (WHO) has not published any ranking of countries on the basis of health expenditure. However, according to World Health Statistics 2014 published by WHO, the General Government Expenditure on health as percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in India is 1.19% in 2011 as compared to Bangladesh 1.45%, China 2.85%, Indonesia 1.10%, Malaysia 2.10%, Pakistan 0.93% and Sri Lanka 1.39%
- (c): As per World Health Organization (WHO) Discussion paper Number 2-2003, "How much should countries spend on health?" it has been stated that WHO has never formally adopted this figure of 5% of national income as a recommended level of health spending.
- (d): Does not arise.