

**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) the total expenditure incurred on health sector vis-a-vis percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) as compared with other social sectors during each of the last three years and the current year so far;
- (b) whether the expenditure on health as percentage of GDP is very low in comparison to other developing countries;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase the allocation of funds for health sector in the remaining period of the 12th Five Year Plan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

- (a): A statement showing expenditure on health sector as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) as compared with other social sectors in the country during 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 (RE), and 2013-14 (BE), is given at Annexure-I.
- (b) & (c): A statement showing total expenditure on health as percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in respect of some select developing countries is given at Annexure-II.
- (d): Allocation of funds for health sector in the remaining period of the 12th Five Year Plan is based inter-alia, on the availability of resources and competing claims on these resources. An increase in growth rate of the economy generates increased resources for funding the health sector. The annual budgetary plan allocations are made by Ministry of Finance in consultation with Planning Commission, in the backdrop of availability of overall resources, past utilization, requirements and absorption capacity.