

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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National Health Policy

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) the details of main highlights of the draft of the National Health Policy, 2017;

(b) whether the Government has been actively considering to make health a fundamental right similar to education and the ways and means through which the new National Health Policy, 2017 is different from the previous National Health Policy, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether issues of gender equity is an integral part of the policy as directed by the Honourable Supreme Court according to judgment W.P. (C) No. 95 of 2012 and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the reasons for the inordinate delay in implementing the new National Health Policy and the time by which it is likely to be implemented;

(e) whether the per capita annual expenditure on public health is very low as compared to other developing countries and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase amount of expenditure on public health?

Answer

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a): The details of major highlights of the National Health Policy, 2017 is given at Annexure-I.

(b): At present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to make health as a fundamental right. However, National Health Policy, 2017 advocates progressively incremental Assurance based Approach with focus on preventive and promotive healthcare.

(c): The National Health Policy 2017 recognises that improved access, education and empowerment would be the basis of successful population stabilization. The policy imperative is to move away from camp based services with all its attendant problems of quality, safety and dignity of women, to a situation where these services are available on any day of the week or at least on a fixed day.

(d): The process of formulation of the new National Health Policy entailed wide consultation with multiple stakeholders, Regional consultations, approval of Central Council of Health and Family Welfare and Group of Ministers. The Cabinet in its meeting held on 15th March, 2017 approved the National Health Policy, 2017.

(e): A statement showing per capita expenditure on public health in India vis-à-vis other select developing countries in 2014 is given at Annexure-II.

(f): The National Health Policy 2017 envisages raising public health expenditure progressively to 2.5% of the GDP by 2025.