

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 347
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST JULY, 2023**

PER CAPITAL HEALTH EXPENDITURE

347: MS. MIMI CHAKRABORTY:

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

- a) whether the country's per capita public health expenditure health has risen to 1.02 per cent yet remaining lower to Bhutan, Sri Lanka and Nepal who spend 2.5 percent, 1.6 percent and 1.1 per cent of the GDP respectively on public health;
- b) if so, the details thereof;
- c) whether the Government proposes to enhance public health spending to a minimum of 5 per cent of the GDP whereas 7 per cent of Indians remain below poverty line due to costly health expenditure; and
- d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(PROF. SAYTA PAL SINGH BAGHEL)**

(a) & (b) : As per the National Health Account estimates, the Per Capita Government Health Expenditure (GHE) in India and GHE as percentage of GDP from the years 2014-15 to 2019-20 (latest available) are given below:

Indicator	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Per Capita (GHE) (In Rs)	1108	1261	1418	1753	1815	2014
GHE as percentage of GDP	1.13	1.18	1.2	1.35	1.28	1.35

(c) & (d): National Health Policy (NHP), 2017 envisages raising Government Health Expenditure to 2.5% of GDP in a time bound manner. Further, NHP 2017, also envisages that States should increase their health spending to atleast 8% of their budget and two thirds of such expenditure should be on primary care. The budget allocation for Department of Health & Family Welfare (DoHFW) has increased by 82% from Rs. 47,353 crore in 2017-18 (BE) to Rs. 86,175 crore in 2023-24 (BE).
