

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXPENDITURE ON SOCIAL SECTOR
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government expenditure on social sector has increased during the Ninth Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) how it compares with the other Asian countries;
- (d) whether our Government expenditure on social sector is much low;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the corrective steps being taken by the Government in this direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO V. ADSUL)

(a)&(b) The Central Government Plan expenditure and Non-Plan expenditure on social services showed an increasing trend during the Ninth Plan period 1997-2002 as indicated in the Annex - I.

(c) Central Government expenditure on major social sectors as percentage of total expenditure in selected Asian countries are indicated in Annex - II.

(d),(e) & (f) Growth with social justice has been one of the basic objectives of Indian planning since 1951. Several poverty alleviation and employment generation programmes have been in operation for decades focussing on the poor, weaker and vulnerable sections of the community as target groups. Ongoing economic reforms also have a human face.

The total expenditure on the social services of the Central Government as percentage of total expenditure increased from 6.9 percent in 1997-98 to 8.5 percent in 2001-02. Expressed as percentage of GDP at current market price, the expenditure on social services on Central Government increased from 1.0 percent in 1997-98 to 1.3 percent in 2001-02.

(Annex I)

Plan Expenditure on Social Services

(Rs. Crore)

Social Service	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
1. Education Art & Culture	3502	4268	4692	5175	5977
2. Health & Family Welfare	2579	3213	4106	4322	4737
3. Water Supply, Housing etc.	3086	3819	4196	4654	5530
4. Information & Broadcasting	82	84	182	251	248
5. Welfare of SC/ST and OBC	715	906	941	959	1119
6. Labour & Labour Welfare	46	67	82	95	119

7 Social welfare & Nutrition	1570	2020	2251	2409	2624
Total	11580	14377	16450	17865	20354

Non-Plan Revenue Expenditure on Social Services

(Rs. Crore)

Social Service	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
1. Education, Sports, Youth Affairs	1510	2336	2389	2521	2676
2. Health & Family Welfare	595	780	906	969	907
3. Water Supply, Housing etc.	218	254	269	278	307
4. Information & Broadcasting	816	957	987	1066	1031
5. Welfare of SC/ST and OBC	10	10	10	9	10
6. Labour & Employment	516	641	763	799	737
7 Other Social Services	649	395	1632	1715	2139
Total	4314	5373	6956	7357	7807

(Annex II)

Central Government : Expenditures by Function (Percentage of Total Expenditure)

Countries and Welfare	Year	Education Community	Health Amenities	Social Security	Housing and
China	1999	1.7	0.3	3.8	0.2
India	2001	2.2f	1.8f	NA	4.5f
Indonesia	2001	3.7p	1.3p	8.6p	1.3p
Korea	1997	20.5	0.8	10.8	2.3
Malaysia	1997	22.8f	6.3f	7.2f	7.3f
Pakistan	2002	1.3p	.8p	.9p	1.9p
Sri Lanka	2001	7.7p	5.1p	12.3p	2.8p
Thailand	2001	19.9	7.1	6	5.1

f : Forecasted or projected data. p : Preliminary or provisional.
Source : IMF Government Finance Statistics 2002.