

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:208  
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2005  
EXPENDITURE ON HEALTH CARE  
Reddy Shri Magunta Sreenivasulu

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

- (a) whether only 0.4 per cent of GDP is spent on health care in the country;
- (b) if so, whether there is any proposal to increase the percentage of GDP on health care; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 208 FOR 7TH DECEMBER, 2005.

(a) No, Sir. The current public health spending is 0.9% of GDP in the country which is grossly inadequate to meet the health needs of the citizens.

(b)&(c): The Government of India has recently launched the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) which seeks to provide effective health care to rural population throughout the country with special focus on 18 States with poor health indicators and weak health infrastructure.

The main objective is to provide accessible, affordable, accountable, effective and reliable health care, especially to poor and vulnerable sections of population. It is proposed to increase the expenditure in the health sector to the level of 2-3% of the GDP by increased contributions from the Central and State Governments.