

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION**

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2025**

DATASETS FOR HEALTHCARE SECTOR

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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for non-availability of datasets for healthcare sector unlike industry sectors;**
- (b) whether the Ministry intends to propose any survey on Indian hospitals and availability of datasets;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the initiatives taken in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (d) the details of measures taken by the Ministry in light of non-availability of datasets for healthcare sector in addressing supply-side challenges and bottlenecks; and**
- (e) the time by which the Government is planning to release data on healthcare sector accessible to the public?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION; MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE [RAO INDERJIT SINGH]

(a) to (e): The National Statistics Office (NSO) under the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) is responsible for conducting large scale sample surveys on various socio-economic subjects on All India basis. In this sequence, the Household Social Consumption: Health is conducted in every five-year interval. The objective of this survey is to generate basic quantitative information

on the health sector. A vital component is the information relevant to the determination of the prevalence rate of morbidity among various age-sex groups in different regions of the country. Further, measurement of the extent of use of health services provided by the government is an indispensable part of the exercise. Special attention is given to hospitalization or medical care received as in-patient of medical institutions. The ailments for which such medical care is sought, the extent of use of government hospitals, and the expenditure incurred on treatment received from public and private sectors, are all to be investigated by the survey. Break-up of expenditure by various heads is to be estimated for expenses on medical care received both as in-patient and otherwise. Besides, the survey also ascertains the extent of use of private and public hospitals for childbirth, the cost incurred, and the extent of receipt of pre-natal and post-natal care by women who undergo childbirth. The report of Household Social Consumption: Health conducted in 2017-18 is available on MoSPI's website.

Further, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW) also conducts an integrated survey namely National Family Health Survey (NFHS) with a periodicity of around three years. The survey provides data on health and family welfare and associated domains like characteristics of the population; fertility and fertility preferences; family planning; infant and child mortality; maternal and child health; nutrition; morbidity and healthcare; women's empowerment, etc. The NFHS-5 was conducted during 2019-21 and its Report was released in 2022.
