

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1544
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH NOVEMBER, 2016**

HEALTH AS FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT

1544. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to include health in the list of Fundamental Rights, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether it is also a fact that allocation of funds to health is also being doubled in comparison to the present allocation and the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a): There is no legislation presently under consideration of the Government for making health as a fundamental right.

(b): As per Economic Survey 2015-16, the expenditure by Government (Central and State Governments combined) on health as percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for 2015-16 (BE) is 1.3 per cent. The Draft National Health Policy 2015 envisages raising progressively the public health expenditure to 2.5% of the GDP.

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