

Govt to mull more funds for health: Ramadoss

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Dissatisfied with a 20 per cent increase in allocation for health in the Budget, Health Minister Anbumani Ramadoss has asked Prime Minister Manmohan Singh for more.

The PM is to call a meeting of health and finance ministries and the Planning Commission to sort out the issue soon after the current session of Parliament. An additional allocation of at least Rs 3,000 crore for National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) is expected, according to Ramadoss.

"The prime minister and the finance minister have promised us that in the revised estimates, they will give whatever we want. My secretary and I met the PM three days ago to seek more funds for the health sector. We said that at least for the NRHM we want the amount we had sought. We had asked for about Rs 15,000 crore and were sanctioned about Rs 12,000 crore," Ramadoss told *Business Standard*.