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"There was an expectation of significant increase in the budgetary allocation to health for the FY 22-23 in face of the impact of the pandemic. However, in pure monetary terms there is no major outlay to healthcare sector per se. The allocation as a percentage of the GDP doesn't appear to have changed. The focus has continued to remain on aligning various other sectors to achieve public health goals. The development of public health infrastructure and development of skilled healthcare professionals to meet the healthcare needs of the growing population of India doesn't find a mention in the Budget. This is disappointing in a way as these were badly exposed during the Covid-19 pandemic, especially during the second wave. Budgetary allocation for the development of the National Digital ecosystem and National Tele Mental Health Program can be termed as positives from this Budget Speech by the Honorable Finance Minister. With regards to the Private Health Sector, I don't see any additional Tax benefits or leeway being given by the Government."