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A STUDY OF MEASURES TO BOOST FUND FLOW TO HEALTHCARE STARTUPS

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ABSTRACT

Investors aren't very enthusiastic about Indian healthcare start-ups due to worries about a lack of novel investment opportunities, inflated valuations in the Indian start-up environment, and regulatory roadblocks. Improved access to capital for healthcare start-ups is essential if they are to realize their full potential and meet the unique problems of India's healthcare system. Building a favourable investment climate is crucial for the success of healthcare start-ups, and this requires cooperation between the government, the private sector, private equity (PE) and venture capital (VC) companies, and the start-ups themselves. The healthcare industry in India has grown rapidly in recent years, becoming one of the country's most lucrative and populous economic pillars. The government, however, spends a fraction of what other countries do on medical care. Government spending on healthcare in India is 1.4% of GDP, far lower than the 3-5% in China and 8-12% in the UK. The government has launched a number of initiatives to revitalise the medical field. The government increased its spending for the healthcare sector by 13 percent from 2015-16 levels in the 2016-17 Union Budget, and also declared a health coverage of INR1 lakh (USD1, 459) per household.