

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3482
ANSWERED ON:14.08.2000
ANOMALY IN THE PAY SCALE OF PHARMACISTS
RAJESH VERMA

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

- (a) the pay scales of the Radiographers and the Pharmacists serving in CGHS before implementation of Fifth Pay Commission;
- (b) whether pay scale of the Pharmacists was higher than the pay scales of Radiographer and if so, the comparative details thereof;
- (c) the details of qualification/experience/diploma prescribed for the post of pharmacists;
- (d) whether the radiographer serving under CGHS which bears the minimum qualification 10+2 pass and two years technical qualification only have been given higher pay scale with initial basis pay of Rs. 5000-8000 than the Pharmacists which were drawing more pay before pre-revised scales;
- (e) if so, the reasons and the jurisdiction thereof;
- (f) whether the Government have received any representations from M.Ps for upgrading the pay structure and promotion avenues of Pharmacists;
- (g) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon; and
- (h) the steps taken by the Government to remove the anomalies in the pay scales of pharmacists and giving them pay scales at par with radiographers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a): The pay scale of Radiographers and Pharmacists employed in CGHS was Rs.1350-2200 before implementation of the recommendations of the Fifth Pay Commission.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): The requisite information is indicated below:

PHARMACIST:

Essential: a) Matriculation or Equivalent and (b) Registration as Pharmacist under Section 31 or 32 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 but excluding clause (d) of Section 31 of the said act.

Desirable: One-year experience as Pharmacist or Compounder.

(d)&(e): The Pay scale of the Radiographers working under CGHS has been revised to Rs.5000-8000 by the Government. However, the pay scale of Radiographers and the Pharmacists, before implementation of the recommendations of the Fifth Pay Commission was same, i.e., Rs.1350-2200.

(f)to(h): No such representation has been received from the Members of Parliament in this regard. However, the Pharmacists of CGHS had sent representations to the Anomaly Committee requesting for upgradation of their pay scale to Rs.5000-8000. However, the Government has not agreed to their demand for upgradation of pay scale as it would create further anomaly in the promotional posts.