

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

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

- (a) the total number of CGHS beneficiaries, State-wise;
- (b) whether CGHS beneficiaries are being provided with new individual plastic cards;
- (c) if SO, the details thereof;
- (d) whether new card holders are entitled to get CGHS facilities anywhere in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

- (a) the Statement as on 31-3-2008 is enclosed as Annexure
- (b) Yes. CGHS beneficiaries in Delhi are being provided individual plastic cards to all beneficiaries as on date.
- (c) Individual plastic cards are identity cards for availing CGHS facilities and are issued for all eligible CGHS beneficiaries. Individual plastic cards are issued with a colour code at the top of card-blue for serving employees, green for pensioners, yellow for autonomous bodies and red for VIPs. The card bears unique beneficiary ID (BEN ID), date of birth of beneficiary, blood group, photograph and validity of identity card. In addition there is a bar code. The individual plastic cards are issued for a maximum period of five years after which new cards are re-issued for eligible beneficiaries. Plastic data on CGHS cards are used for accessing data base in computers.
- (d) & (e) Yes, Sir. The individual plastic identity cards allow CGHS beneficiaries to avail CGHS facilities any where in the country in CGHS covered cities. However, this facility has not been started for the present.