

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

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DISCONTINUATION OF CGHS FACILITY  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is considering to discontinue the Central Government Health (CGHS) facility;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any Health Insurance Scheme is proposed to be implemented as an alternative to CGHS;
- (d) if so, whether there is any difference between both the schemes;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Health Insurance is different from the Medclaim scheme of the private and Government Insurance Companies; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a): No.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Request For Proposal (RFP) on the proposed Health Insurance Scheme for the Central Government Employees and pensioner has been released inviting Insurance premium quotes from the insurance Companies. The Scheme, if found feasible, will be implemented in the entire country after obtaining requisite approvals from the Government.

The scheme will essentially be aimed at existing Central Government Servants & Central Government pensioner staying in areas not covered by the CGHS and they have to exercise their option for insurance scheme.

(d) & (e): CGHS and Health Insurance Scheme are two independent health facilities and can not be compared.

(f) & (g): No comparison has been attempted between the Health insurance scheme and other medclaim schemes.