

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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OPENING OF ECHS CLINICS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to open more Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) clinics in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has noticed the shortage of qualified staff in various ECHS clinics;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken to resolve it;
- (e) whether there is any proposal to empanel more private hospitals in ECHS scheme; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE(SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU)

(a) to (d): Opening of 199 additional polyclinics across the country has been sanctioned by the Government, which are in the process of being setup. List of 199 additional Polyclinics is annexed. Each Polyclinic is staffed as per authorised scales.

(e) & (f): Empanelment of private hospitals in ECHS is a continuous process. As and when such applications are received in the Ministry duly completed, same is considered for empanelment by the Empowered Committee in the Ministry which meets at regular intervals. So far 1355 Civil hospitals/Diagnostic Centres have been approved for empanelment.