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LOK SABHA**

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ISSUING OF INDIVIDUAL PLASTIC CARDS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) has adopted the new method of issuing individual plastic cards to its beneficiaries;
- (b) if so, the total number of beneficiaries who have been issued such cards till date;
- (c) whether a large number of beneficiaries are still not issued such cards and are facing difficulties in getting CGHS benefits due to non-availability of cards;and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to issue such cards to all the beneficiaries in the country including Delhi?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) CGHS Delhi has started issuing plastic card to each individual CGHS beneficiary. About 25% of the Cards made have not yet been collected by the beneficiaries in order to ensure collection of cards by beneficiaries operation of old paper cards have been blocked.

Beneficiaries who have either not obtained or have not applied for plastic cards can submit their application forms to the CGHS the same. All new applicants for CGHS beneficiary have to apply to the CGHS for issue of Plastic card.