

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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ECHS CLINICS FOR EX SERVICEMEN  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) clinics working in the country, location-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to open more such clinics in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has any machinery to check the quality of medicines in these clinics;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the total expenditure incurred on the medical facilities to the ex-servicemen and their families under ECHS during the last three years and the current year?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): At present 227 Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) polyclinics are operating throughout the country location wise details are at Annexure-I. The Government has sanctioned opening of additional 199 polyclinics as detailed at Annexure-II.

(d) & (e): Medicines at polyclinics are supplied by Directorate General Armed Force Medical Service (DGAFMS) who have an established system of quality check of medicines being supplied.

(f): The total expenditure incurred on the medical facilities to the Ex-servicemen and their families under ECHS during last three years and current year are as follows:

2007-2008 Rs.482.21 cr

2008-2009 Rs.638.24 cr

2009-2010 Rs.889.34 cr

2010-2011 Rs.512.40 cr (upto 30.9.2010)