

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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MEDICAL FACILITIES TO GORKHA PENSIONERS

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is extending medical facilities to Nepal Domiciled Gorkha (NDG) pensioners residing in India and Nepal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to extend such facilities to the NDG pensioners?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Government has extended the benefits of Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) to Nepal Domiciled Gorkha (NDG) pensioner Ex-servicemen and their dependents. Medical facilities will be provided through 3 ECHS polyclinics at Kathmandu, Pokhara and Dharan. One mobile clinic will also be attached with each of the polyclinic. The polyclinics will provide outpatient treatment and patient requiring hospitalization will be referred to empanelled hospitals in Nepal. Cashless treatment will be provided by these hospitals as is the case in India. The manpower for ECHS Polyclinics and the mobile clinics will be engaged on contractual basis. NDG Ex-servicemen residing in India already have coverage of this scheme since its inception.

(c) In view of above question does not arise.