

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1197  
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REFILLING OF OXYGEN CYLINDERS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) beneficiary has to visit his/her dispensary and Medical Store Depot, Gole Market, New Delhi every time to refill his/her Oxygen cylinders prescribed by the doctor and has to incur substantial expenditure on transportation;
- (b) the capacity of the oxygen cylinders provided by CGHS and for how many days it last;
- (c) whether the store is located at 2nd floor and pensioners are compelled to carry the cylinder themselves;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to allow CGHS beneficiaries to get their oxygen cylinders refilled at their place of residence to avoid unnecessary travelling;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the details of complaints received by Director, CGHS, Delhi and MSD in this regard during the last two years and action taken thereon to address the grievances of the CGHS beneficiaries?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

- (a): CGHS beneficiaries can refill Oxygen Cylinders from any authorized refill station and get it reimbursed from CGHS/Department/Office as the case may be. Also, CGHS Medical Store Depot provides filled cylinders against the vouchers issued from respective Wellness Centers.
- (b): CGHS provides oxygen cylinders of 10 liters capacity. The consumption depends upon the inhalation schedule prescribed by the treating physician.
- (c): Store is located at 2nd floor and associated with lift facility and ramp, which can be utilized. Labourers are also available for carrying/delivering oxygen cylinders.
- (d) & (e): This facility is already available. CGHS beneficiaries are allowed to get their oxygen cylinders refilled from an authorized refill station and get it reimbursed from CGHS/Department/Office as the case may be
- (f): No such complaints have been received by Director, CGHS and MSD.