

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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ENTITLEMENT OF WARDS IN HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the entitlements of wards in private hospitals empanelled under CGHS for the beneficiary are inconsistent with the rate of contribution to CGHS;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the rate of contribution to CGHS for the Grade Pay 4600/-, 4800/-, 5400/- and 6600/- is same whereas the entitlement of wards among these Grade Pay holders is different;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to make the eligibility for entitlement of wards on the basis of the rate of contribution to CGHS?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): Subsequent upon the upward revision of pay & allowances and pension of the Central Government serving employees & pensioners following the 6th Pay Commission recommendations the CGHS contribution rates have been revised w.e.f. 1-06-09. There are five slab rates for employees' contribution while there are only three categories of ward entitlements. The ward entitlement is based on the basic pay of the beneficiary while the contribution is based on his grade pay. The five slabs have been accommodated in these three categories. The contribution has nothing to do with ward entitlements. The contribution has been decided keeping various socioeconomic factors and the ability to pay criteria in consideration with higher grade employees making more contribution in comparison to their subordinates. Ward entitlement also considers the position of the member in official hierarchy, seniority and length of service. It is a fact that the rate of CGHS contribution for the Grade Pay of Rs 4600, Rs. 4800, Rs. 5400 and Rs 6600 is same but in view of the reasons stated above, their ward entitlements are different.