

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

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TREATMENT OF SENIOR CITIZENS

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to offer more convenient and better healthcare facilities to senior citizens and permit them to consult doctors/specialists in Government empanelled hospitals without reference from Government/CGHS doctors for speedy and free treatment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the other steps proposed by the Government to provide better and hassle free healthcare services to senior citizens?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The Central Government is committed to provide convenient and better healthcare facilities to senior citizens. Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) has taken various steps to improve its facilities for the senior citizens/pensioner CGHS beneficiaries, like providing cashless medical treatment in CGHS empanelled private hospitals, making provision for separate queue, in dispensaries, domiciliary visits by the doctors, facilities of Yoga and other Indian systems of medicines establishment of Geriatric clinic in Delhi etc. The referral system adopted by CGHS for enabling the beneficiaries to obtain medical treatment in a CGHS empanelled private hospital is considered necessary in the interest of the beneficiaries. It is also necessary as a check and balance measure to ensure financial propriety and judicious use of public money.