

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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REVIEW OF CGHS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) in the recent past and proposes to introduce a new Health Insurance Scheme for the CGHS beneficiaries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has invited proposals from the insurance companies in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the new policy is likely to be implemented by the Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) & (b): It has been a constant endeavour of the Government to improve the health care facilities for the Central Government employees and pensioners under the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) and Central Services (Medical Attendance) Rules, 1944. In addition, Government has mooted a proposal for introduction of a Health Insurance Scheme for the Central Government employees and pensioners with special focus on Non-CGHS areas.

(c) to (e): Proposals were invited from the Insurance companies in March, 2010. However, it was subsequently decided to initiate the process afresh after obtaining the approval of Planning Commission and inclusion of the scheme in the 12th Five Year Plan (FYP). No specific time frame can be given for introduction of the health insurance Scheme.