

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3228
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FUNDS FOR EX SERVICEMEN CONTRIBUTORY HEALTH SCHEME
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds allocated and the amount spent by Government for the Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;
- (b) whether several empanelled hospitals have stopped providing services under ECHS due to unpaid dues;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps the Government proposes to take to ensure that these dues are cleared at the earliest?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

- (a) The details of funds allocated to ECHS during the last three years and the amount spent year wise is as under:

Year	Allotment (Rs. in Crore)	Expenditure (Rs. in Crore)
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2011-12	1225.95	1224.22
2012-13	1450.98	1430.78
2013-14	1789.46	1781.38
2014-15	1420.58	427.84#

#As on 30th June, 2014

- (b) & (c): Yes, Madam. Some private empanelled hospitals have withdrawn their services from ECHS due to various reasons including low CGHS rates, delay in payment of dues etc.

- (d)
 - (i) On line bill processing has been introduced in 10 Regional Centres to speed up bill clearance. Sanction has been accorded to extend 'on-line' bill processing to remaining 18 Regional Centres for expeditious clearance of dues.

- (ii) Delegation of Financial Powers for approval of hospital bills has been enhanced to facilitate speedy disposal of medical bills / claims.