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SETTING UP OF CGHS CENTRES

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

- (a) the total number of Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) allopathic and Indian system of medicine dispensaries/hospitals functional in the country separately along with the steps taken by the Government to modernize these dispensaries/hospitals, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the total budget allocation/ expenditure for CGHS wellness centres for allopathic and Indian system of medicines including Siddha separately along with the expenditure incurred on purchase of medicines during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure purchase of medicines under CGHS in transparent manner;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to expand CGHS to cover new cities/areas by opening new allopathic/AYUSH dispensaries/hospitals and increase the CGHS empanelled hospitals where CGHS facility are not available and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to provide round the clock facilities at the CGHS wellness centres/hospitals in the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a): The list of total number of CGHS dispensaries (known as Wellness Centres) and hospitals State/UT wise is placed at Annexure I.

The following initiatives have been taken to modernize them ;

- a) All the CGHS dispensaries have been computerized. All the transactions for medicines are done online thereby making the system transparent and minimizing the delay in issue of medicines. The beneficiaries can also view online the history of medicines issued to them.
- b) CGHS plastic cards have been issued to the beneficiaries enabling them to avail the facilities from any CGHS wellness centre.
- c) SMS alert system on issue of medicines to CGHS beneficiaries on the mobile phone has been initiated to act as deterrent against pilferage of medicines by unscrupulous elements.
- d) Introduction of Biometric system for recording attendance has been introduced in few CGHS Wellness centres to ensure punctuality.
- e) SMS alert on issue of permission letter to CGHS pensioner beneficiaries on issue of permission letter through computers.

(b):

Financial Year	Total Allocation	Total Expenditure on Allopathic Medicines	Total Expenditure on Indian System of Medicines
2011-12	1494.25	962.03	5.53
2012-13	1689.76	967.68	6.78
2013-14	1724.45	969.27	8.03
2014-15	1726.20	671.63	3.40

(c): The following steps have been taken to ensure purchase of medicines under CGHS in a transparent manner :

1. CGHS procures its bulk supply of formulary medicines (both branded and generic) through the Medical Store Organization (MSO), which is under the administrative control of DGHS. Addl. Directors, CGHS of different cities place their indents for formulary drugs to the MSO which are supplied by MSO to various CGHS units through their respective Govt. Medical Stores Depots (GMSDs).

2. The procurement of Life Saving Drugs is made through a rate enquiry in the form of sealed quotations directly from the manufacturers for the life saving drugs and not through their distributors or dealers.

3. The medicines which are not available in wellness centres are being procured through authorized local chemist appointed for each wellness centres separately through E-Tender system with the best discounts.

(d): Orders have been issued on 19.11.2014 for the opening of CGHS wellness centres in 12 cities namely Raipur, Shimla, Itanagar, Aizawl, Agartala, Imphal, Kohima, Gangtok, Panaji, Gandhi Nagar, Puduchery and Indore.

Presently 685 number of private hospitals/Eye clinics /Dental Clinics are empanelled in various cities against 552 earlier. The statement showing the details of State / UT wise empanelled private hospitals/ Eye clinics/ Dental Clinics is placed at Annexure II.

(e): Due to shortage of manpower, it is not possible to provide round the clock facilities at all CGHS Wellness Centres. The CGHS beneficiaries have the option to go directly to any Government/empanelled/ non empanelled private hospitals during emergency.