

**Title:** Need to open a CGHS dispensary at Chandigarh.

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL (CHANDIGARH): Sir, the opening of a Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) dispensary at Chandigarh has been over delayed. About 25,000 Central Government employees and 10,000 pensioners reside at Chandigarh and in the adjoining towns. In the absence of a CGHS dispensary, they are deprived of a tangible facility which they are otherwise entitled to. The retirees are particularly hard-hit. Having served the society and having given the best of their lives to us, they do deserve this facility in the evening of their lives. Understandably, they have been requesting for a CGHS dispensary for the last two decades. Its establishment, besides meeting this genuine demand, will also result in savings on account of expenditure now incurred on medical reimbursement. It is also an important social obligation of the State towards those Senior citizens who cannot travel to Delhi for medical treatment. In these circumstances, I urge the Government of India to open a CGHS dispensary at Chandigarh without any further delay.