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Title : Need to streamline the functioning of CGHS Dispensaries in the country.

SHRI M. APPADURAI (TENKASI): Sir, Central Government employees who are dependant on CGHS are put to great hardships as the prescribed medicines are not provided due to short-supply. Even common medicines for usual indispositions like fever, head-ache, cold and cough are not given to patients immediately after the consultation. After indenting for the same from private pharmacists, CGHS gives these medicines to patients even after two or three days. At times even the private pharmacists do not honour 'indents' as if CGHS do not pay for in time. Instead of ensuring medication these patients are made to wait patiently for medicines by CHGS Dispensaries. This affects further the health of the aged and the infants and thus they are forced to go to private clinics.

Diabetes is prevalent in India more so in Delhi. But CGHS do not deploy trained and qualified doctors for this killer disease. Required medical equipment and medicines to treat diabetic patients are not readily available. Doctors who can treat diabetic patients are available just once a week. Even MPs are not spared from this ordeal in the CGHS Dispensaries. Non-availability of doctors and medicines causes great heart burn.

Hence, I urge upon Hon. Union Health Minister to conduct surprise check-ups and streamline the functioning of CGHS Dispensaries to benefit the helpless Central Government employees.