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Title: Need to provide medical facilities to all the Central Government pensioners under Central Government Health Scheme.

DR. RATNA DE (HOOGHLY): The Central Government Pensioners get Rs. 100/- p.m. along with their monthly pension as medical assistance, which is too less to defray medical expenses like consultation charge, medicine and allied expenses. In these hard days, the cost of medicine has gone up beyond the reach of common people. Now a days, most of the pensioners suffer from hypertension, blood sugar, heart and kidney ailments. The cost of medicine to combat these diseases, is extremely high and it becomes impossible on the part of the pensioners to bear the cost of high priced drugs and due to this treatment is abandoned in almost all cases in the mid way of spell of treatment inviting high risk to life. It is a fact that the Government Hospitals do not supply medicines to any out patients and in case of any complication or emergency they are compelled to get admitted in private hospitals at the cost of their own savings. The medical assistance of pensioners may please be ensured by providing them Central Governmental Health Scheme facility against normal premium and by opening the dispensaries of CGHS at district headquarters.