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Title: Need to form an additional CGHS office in the Tiruchirappalli Parliamentary Constituency of Tamil Nadu.

SHRI P. KUMAR (TIRUCHIRAPPALLI): Sir, I wish to bring to the notice of the Government with regard to the urgent need to form an additional CGHS Office in the central place of Tamil Nadu. At present there is only one CGHS Office in Tamil Nadu at Chennai which is far away and it is in the northern end of the State. Thousands of Central Government pensioners and employees residing in the Central and Southern Regions are unable to travel 400 kilometres to 700 kilometres to utilize the free specialized medical treatment for the problems of heart, kidney, lungs, neuro systems and eyes in the event of sudden serious developments in their health conditions.

In the States like Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal, there are more than one CGHS Office. My parliamentary constituency, that is, Tiruchirappalli is the central place of Tamil Nadu and people from all over the State can have an easy access. In the interest of the welfare of pensioners and the families of the pensioners of various Central Government Departments, I would earnestly request the hon. Minister of Health and Family Welfare to sanction an additional CGHS Office in Tamil Nadu, that too in Tiruchirappalli.