

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3340
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07TH AUGUST, 2026**

CGHS WELLNESS CENTRE IN DURGAPUR

3340. SHRI. AZAD KIRTI JHA:

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any formal representations regarding the establishment of a CGHS Allopathic Wellness Centre at Durgapur, West Bengal, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the action taken by the Government on repeated demands for the said centre along with the specific reasons for not acceding to the same;
- (c) whether the Government has taken note of the observation by the Standing Committee on Health regarding serious regional imbalance in the distribution of CGHS facilities and the need for their rapid expansion in underserved areas by relaxing existing norms, if so, the details and the action taken thereon;
- (d) whether the Government is aware that the establishment of the CGHS centre is likely to serve numerous Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) personnel and defence personnel, employees of Durgapur Steel Plant, Railway staff and other public employees in the Durgapur-Asansol and the surrounding areas, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has advised beneficiaries to continue using nearby covered cities, despite many existing centres remaining overburdened and understaffed, if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

(a) to (e): The Government has received the representations regarding establishment of a new CGHS Wellness Centre in Durgapur.

The establishment of a new Wellness Centre is subject to the availability of sanctioned posts and approval of requisite budgetary provisions which falls under the ambit of the Department of Expenditure.

This Ministry has laid down a revised procedure for empanelment of Health Care Organizations (HCOs) for providing CGHS facilities to the eligible Central Government pensioners/ serving employees. The offer of empanelment is open to HCOs located in cities already covered under CGHS as well as those district headquarters, which are not covered under CGHS, across India. CGHS beneficiaries shall be entitled to avail medical services directly from such empanelled hospitals in accordance with the existing CGHS guidelines.

At present, there are 26 CGHS Wellness Centres (including AYUSH units and a polyclinic) functioning across the state of West Bengal (Darjeeling-01, Howrah-01, Jalpaiguri -01, Kolkata-18 and North 24 Parganas- 05).

The Government is committed towards achieving Universal Health Coverage for all citizens, as per National Health Policy, through its various programs like Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (ABPMJAY), Ayushman Arogya Mandir (erstwhile Ayushman Bharat Health & Wellness Centre), Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (ABHIM), Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM), and National Health Mission (NHM) through its Rural and Urban components. In addition, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Kalyani, Government Medical Colleges and District Hospitals are also functioning in the State of West Bengal to cater all the health needs.

Central Government serving employees residing in areas not covered under CGHS are eligible to avail medical treatment through the Authorized Medical Attendant (AMA) system under the Central Services (Medical Attendance) Rules, 1944. Pensioners residing in non-CGHS areas have the following options:

- i. to avail Fixed Medical Allowance (FMA);
- ii. to avail CGHS facilities (OPD and IPD) by enrolling in the nearest CGHS-covered city on payment of the prescribed subscription; or
- iii. to avail FMA for OPD treatment and CGHS facilities for IPD treatment on payment of the prescribed subscription, in accordance with the extant CGHS guidelines.
