

There are 86 Wellness Centres functioning in Delhi and the first Wellness Centre was started in 1954. There are 6 Wellness Centres functioning in Meerut and the first Wellness Centre was started in 1971, when Meerut was not part of NCR.

(b) to (d) At present, there is no CGHS Wellness Centre in Sonapat (Haryana).

Reviewing pay scale and allowances of nurses

2991. SHRI VINAY DINU TENDULKAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Nurses Confederation has demanded review of their pay scale and increase in their allowances;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has taken any decision in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Union of Nurses had called a pan-India strike in the recent past and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by Government to address their grievances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY): (a) to (c) A representation from All India Government Nurses Federation (AIGNF) was received in the Ministry demanding revision in pay and allowances against 7th Central Pay Commission's report. The Government examined their demands along with demands of other Associations. The Government accepted the Commission's recommendations on minimum pay, fitment factor, Index of Rationalisation, Pay matrixes and general recommendations on pay without any material alteration *vide* Resolution dated 25.07.2016. The recommendation on allowances was referred to an Empowered Committee. The Empowered Committee examined the demands of the Nurses Associations. The accepted recommendations on allowances were notified *vide* Government of India notification dated 06th July, 2017. The Government of India has accepted to retain and rationalize Nursing allowance and Operation theatre allowance. Uniform and washing allowance has been retained and subsumed under the Dress allowance. Most of the demands of AIGNF have been considered.

(d) A robust system of regular interaction with Nurses Union has been put in place where grievances of Nurses are discussed.