

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF EX-SERVICEMEN WELFARE  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1652**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2021

**AUTOMATING THE ECHS INFRASTRUCTURE**

1652. SHRI A. D. SINGH:

Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any action has been taken to automate the entire ECHS infrastructure and bring it online which will reduce paper work, repeated referrals and footfall in the ECHS facilities;
- (b) whether any private enterprise/industry have been co-opted for supporting ECHS facilities or for sponsoring the construction of ECHS hospitals under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives;
- (c) whether, DRDO has developed a hospital at Secunderabad in co-ordination with Apollo group; and
- (d) whether Government is planning to do the same for armed forces also, especially in metros like Delhi, Mumbai and Pune?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a) Presently, the automation in Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) has been carried out independently in:

- (i) Beneficiary enrolment
- (ii) Functioning of Polyclinics
- (iii) Paperless processing of bills by Bill Processing Agency (BPA)

The above processes have evolved independently and are not integrated.

(b) No private enterprise/industry has been co-opted for sponsoring construction of ECHS facilities under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) presently.

(c) & (d): No such hospital in co-ordination with Apollo Group is being developed by Government presently.

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