

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1042
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26TH JULY, 2022**

CGHS HOSPITALS AND WELLNESS CENTRES

1042 SHRI IRANNA KADADI:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the employees and pensioners are in need of CGHS hospital or Wellness Centre facilities in more places to avoid upfront payment for their treatments;
- (b) if so, the details of decision taken or likely to be taken to open additional CGHS Wellness Centres across the country;
- (c) the details of fund provisioned or allocated during each year of the last five years including the current year for the purpose; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (d): Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) is a contributory health scheme. The scheme provides primary health care services viz. OPD and medicines to the beneficiaries through a network of 334 Allopathic and 97 AYUSH CGHS Wellness Centres in 75 cities across the country. CGHS Wellness Centres in new cities and in existing CGHS covered cities are opened as per extant norms and subject to availability of resources. Opening of CGHS Wellness Centre is also subject to approval of Ministry of Finance for creation of new posts. Department of Expenditure has approved opening of 16 new Wellness Centres at Aurangabad, Chandrapur, Coimbatore, Mysuru, Punchkula, Chandigarh, Narela, Ghaziabad, Nashik, Kannur, Kozikode, Sonipat, Wadi in Nagpur, Ichapore in Kolkata and Baghpat. Out of these, 7 Wellness Centres at Nashik, Kannur, Kozikode, Sonipat, Wadi in Nagpur, Ichapore in Kolkata and Baghpat are already functional.

Separate funds are not earmarked for opening of new CGHS Wellness Centre(s). The expenditure on this account is met within the overall budgetary allocation under the scheme.