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To

Dr. Harsh Vardhan,  
Minister of Health & Family Welfare,  
Government of India,  
New Delhi 110011.

**Sub: Request for review of rates of contribution for availing Life-time CGHS facility by the Pensioners retired earlier but joining the Scheme late.**

Sir,

We would like to bring to your kind notice that some eligible pensioners, because of various compelling reasons, join the CGHS facility at different point of time after their retirement. Those who retired earlier but join the Scheme late, naturally avail the facility of the Scheme for lesser number of years compared to those who join the Scheme immediately after their retirement. But these later entrants in the Scheme are also required to pay the same amount of contribution for life-time CGHS facility as paid by the earlier entrants of same level of pay. This policy is somewhat harsh and unjustified on the pensioners joining the Scheme late and opting for lifetime facility who obviously avail the facility for a shorter period because of their advanced age.

2. No doubt, the pensioners have the option to pay subscription on annual basis also. But this requires to go through the various process for renewal of the CGHS cards on their expiry. Therefore, most of the pensioners, especially those who are aged, physically weak and having problem in movement, prefer the life time subscription facility to avoid the hassles of renewal of CGHS Cards every year.

3. BSNL and MTNL IDA pensioners, drawing pension from Central Civil Estimates, were also recently permitted to avail the CGHS facility. But here also, the pensioners retired earlier but joining the scheme late are required to pay the same amount of contribution for life-time facility as paid by the pensioners with same level of pay but joining the scheme earlier. This seems to be unjustified.

4. In view of the above, we request that the rates of contribution for life-time CGHS facility in respect of the pensioners be made tapering with gradual reduction in the rate of contribution based on age factor, say after every five years, to benefit the aged pensioners joining the Scheme late. To begin with let the pensioners with 70 years of age and above joining the Scheme late be allowed to have CGHS Cards with life-time facility on payment of 5 years of monthly subscriptions in place of 10 years as at present. We shall be extremely grateful if our above request is considered sympathetically.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

  
(S Basu)  
General Secretary

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